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#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2010

#### VISION IS FOR MUCH MORE THAN JUST A SCHOOL!

## Is Ysgol y Môr the best solution to the problem of Island's Nell's Point?

has said that if a new vision regeneration Nell's Point on GEM: "These proposals ones of the control of the con Nell's Point goes

sea from the old Butlin's site, but with facilities

The idea is floated in omy."

Coun Wiliam has sultation on the use of Island and

are exciting because ahead, it "could they could deliver enormous mous economic, social

"The facilities would be for everyone and the that will make it a hub increased footfall would for tourism, and encourbring people to the teaching and build on ambitious vision for this age people to visit from around the UK and environment into the the Vale, to realise this teaching and build on ambitious vision for this ICT links with other unique site.

Europe.

The idea is floated in onw?"

Offer outdoor and prime site should capture of reide as floated in onw."

by TIM **CHAPMAN** 

called in The GEM for a called in the GEM for a Association. feasibility study on whether the Waterfront could welcome cruise team-building and man-

deliver enormous mous economic, social and environmental benefits for Barry Island".

The vision is of a new this opportunity. This Barry Island 'eco school' looking out to reseafront head Burlis' erea from the old Burlis' erea from the social and environmental benefits for the Island.

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a document produced by Coun Wiliam has a which will include a that ma Barry Island Primary been a strong advocate School, responding to of focussing economic climbing facility, tennis Cou the Vale Council's con- regeneration on Barry courts, and an indoor "The Y pool to welcome water- posals

dation for visitors in leisure opportunities conjunction with the while boosting sustain-Hostel able Association.

imagines a day when a partnership with the new 21st century Island community, the private school and centre will: sector, including Island • Integrate the coastal traders and the rest of

indoor leisure activities ture the sense of pride will include a that makes Barry Island

Coun Wiliam added: courts, and an indoor "The Ysgol y Môr pro-

 Provide accommo- education, retail and tourism improving our children's

futures.

Fellow governor Lee Waters said the govern-ing body believed Nell's Point offered "a once in a lifetime opportunity to create something spe cial that would benefit the whole of the town.

"The school has rightearned a reputation for being at the cutting edge of teaching.

"We think we can take that a step further by using educational innovation to create a cluster of sustainable, themed activities around a new school

(CONTINUED ON PAGE 5)

#### **Fabulous** festival!

RIGHT: The Waterfront Festival, with its mix of ships, live performances and colourful characters, has become one of the most popular outdoor events in the town's calendar. For Glyn Evans' pictorial record of a

great family weekend out, please turn to page 28.



## Vale council housing fund set to hit £15m

THE Vale Council's housing revenue account - a fund that can only be used for council house repairs - is set to climb even higher than the present £10 million reported in last week's GEM.

This week, council confirmed that

it is intended to Chris Franks, who increase it by another

In a statement, a Vale Council spokeswoman said that the projected balance (at the date of a transfer assuming a yes vote by tenants and a transfer date of March 2012)

would be £15m. Plaid Cymru raised the issue last week in The GEM, said: "It is difficult to understand how the Vale Council can justify holding on to millions of pounds of rents from tenants, while there are people whose homes are in need of repair."



#### September is here Need childcare?

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COMPLEX legal arguments took place at Cardiff Civil Justice Court this week where the Vale 'Flying Vet' is suing South Wales Police.

Maurice Kirk, 65, formerly of St Donats, is claiming that offi-cers were involved in a conspiracy against him, which is being strenuously denied by the author-

Lloyd Williams QC, representing the police, has embarked on legal arguments concerning the validity of the allegations, which are expected to last up to four

Following this, Judge Anthony Seys-Llewellyn will adjudicate on the matter, in what is expected to be a lengthy judgement.

If the hearing proceeds, it is

estimated to last up to 10 weeks. Mr Kirk's allegations date from as far back as 1993.

The costs of the hearing, if it should run for 10 weeks, have been estimated at more than

Mr Kirk. who appeared in court on crutches, is representing

RIGHT: Maurice Kirk.



#### **INSIDE:**

Island traders say now may be the time for a 'resort manager' – see page 3.

A Barry councillor has pledged to paraglide to raise money for Help or Heroes. Who is it? See page 5!

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## Why charge £1 for Cardiff airport parking?

N response to Margaret James, 'head of customer service', at Cardiff Airport I would suggest that the term 'customer service' in her job description is somewhat of a misnomer. (GEM letters

Perhaps I could make the following points to Ms James.
I've just completed a

recently).

couple of round trips to the Middle and Far East, visiting some 10 airports; and guess what? All of them provided reasonable access for drop-off without charge.

Travelling has long since ceased to be a pleasure. As the travel-ling public (your customers) we genuinely feel that the worst part of the journey is at the airports, where we are increasingly being treated like cattle ("Move up the line. Hurry up...").

And yes, we do know that it's all for our own good. I applaud the efforts of the authorities to make our life safer by

ensuring that it becomes more difficult for us to gain access to their premises; but I still do not see why a £1 charge

should apply?
I don't wish to drive into the airport building, I just want to get reasonably close to the entrance – especially in inclement weather.

Why do we have to pay for your investment in improving your secu-rity and your signage – because other airports in the UK are starting to, so let's rip off our customers as well?

No amount of urging me to contact the airport authorities and leave a message and contact number alters the fact that I did indeed do so on July 26 and that, four weeks later. I have still had no response.

I leave Ms James with this last thought: I'm sure that at the end of all the improvements, you'll have a very fine airport.

But, just for once could you not think in terms of 'customer satisfaction' rather than 'customer service' Llantwit Major

## 'Thank you for stamps

WAS very pleased to receive the set of Olympic stamps which I recently won in your competition.

It was a lovely surprise and a lasting souvenir of the future games. Many thanks. Liz Richfield, St Athan

## 'Playing at politics'

THEY do say that you can't teach old dogs new tricks, and that seems the case for Chris Franks our 'local' Plaid AM - local that is to everyone in south central Wales.

Recently he's been bleating on about changes to fire fighters -

all very laudable and Leanne Wood AM has got in on the act by asking a question of the Welsh Government in Cardiff Bay.

But hang on, aren't they in power? Isn't their leader the deputy first minister so why didn't

they just ask him? Same old petty Plaid, wasting our money while playing at politics. Robert Morgan,

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Lack of vision and poor decision making

## Why Barry compares so poorly to Weston such as Weston. Why

are we so far behind now? Where has the

money and investment

political persuasions will

had the pleasure of visiting Weston-Super-Mare, having not paid a visit for a number of years.

It was great to see the investment in improvements in the sea front and facilities, along with the real pride that is being taken in develop-

In contrast, this experience hammered home to me how much both Barry generally, and Barry Island specifically, have just stood still while our English neighbours have pushed forward on development for tourism.

Since the doors of our once-popular holiday camp slammed shut tourism for Barry Island has stood in a time warp The fair ground, while being great at the time, hasn't changed. It now

ANY peo-

ple have

been in

touch to ask if I

Llantwit First, so I

inform everyone of

I have decided to join up with Llantwit First to

form an alliance on the Vale Council called the

Independents', as we

of any political con-

both have common interests and are all free

However, I am still an

independent member of

remain that way until

One group that I am extremely interested in

is Focus Barry, an inde-pendent group looking

to represent the people of Barry without any

political ties and with

the next election.

the council and intend to

The Vale

straints.

my current posi-

have joined

am writing to

stands as a shadow of its former self, no longer able to compete with the next generation of theme parks as a result of the constraints imposed on it such as site size, lack of opportunity for expan-

Even the opportunities to capitalise on the success of Gavin and Stacey have not yet been fully realised.

Where the holiday camp once stood domi-nating the headland, houses were erected. Although this may be desirable for some, it has done nothing more than assist in Barry slowly but surely being viewed as a suburb of Cardiff. Barry, it seems, is not only in decline but is now slowly losing its identity.

I ask myself what has happened to our once great town which was considered by many to

full public consultation.

with the management of

this group about joining

them and will keep everyone informed of all

I have left the Labour

future developments

Party because of the

behaviour towards me

which worsened when I

showed my opposition to the unfair imposition

of a woman candidate to

stand for Parliament in

I have since learned

General Secretary, Chris Roberts, is to step down

I wonder if this was

due to that insistence on

an all-women's shortlist in the Vale, which I

believe severely damaged Labour's chances

Coun Richard Bertin

(Independent member

Glamorgan Council)

for Court, Vale of

of holding on to that

seat?

that Labour's Welsh

from his position.

the Vale.

I am currently in talks

been going during the past decade? It is not a surprise then that many are losing faith in traditional polision and investment. tics. Hearing the recent plight of Coun Richard Bertin and others who have followed traditional

do nothing but add to this apathy. Similar trends can be seen across the UK, with the move away from political dominance towards coalition governments. At a local level this raises many questions including: Why are those who we supported with our votes to represent our views not doing so? Why are they wast-

ing their energy on trivial issues and in-fighting while not achieving their hollow promises? Is it time for a change?

#### It appears that traditional politics and the 'I AM STILL AN have resulted in a lack of Barry **INDEPENDENT**

making over a long peri-od of time. If we are going to address this we need to focus on Barry and do what makes sense, not what politics dictate. An independent viewpoint free from the

vision and poor decision

chains that constrain traditional politics appears the only viable way to achieve in this climate. Despite the recent decision to make Barry Strategic Regeneration

Area with a promise of an investment of £9m, yet again it seems that plans for redevelopment are are on hold while council leaders and offi-cials go back to the

drawing board. How many times have such plans been drawn up during the past ten ears only to be shelved?

The question still remains 'why has Barry and Barry Island been allowed to go from one of the top resorts to just Jeffrey Heathfield. Treharne Road

## WRITE IN!

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#### **HIGH TIDE TIMES**

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 16)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

| DATE  | Time  | Ht   | Time  | Ht   |
|---|-------|------|-------|------|
|   | AM    | M    | PM    | M    |
| 09 Thur                                       | 07.39 | 10.4 | 19.56 | 10.8 |
| 10 Fri  | 08.24 | 10.5 | 20.41 | 10.8 |
| 11 Sat  | 09.03 | 10.6 | 21.21 | 10.5 |
| 12 Sun  | 09.44 | 10.1 | 22.07 | 10.0 |
| 13 Mon  | 10.24 | 9.7  | 22.48 | 9.3  |
| 14 Tues                                       | 11.03 | 9.0  | 23.26 | 8.4  |
| 15 Wed  | 11.53 | 8.2  |       |      |
| 16 Thur                                       | 00.17 | 8.3  | 12.58 | 7.6  |
| While The GEM makes every effort to check the |       |      |       |      |

accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide tablespecific to their location.

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## COUNCIL MANAGEMENT IS PRAISED BUT...

## 'Let's keep up momentum now and appoint a resort manager'

– says Island trader

as one of the best in years. a decade and say Four generations of tradin now is the time for Pat Collins' family have 1958.

autumn, The GEM thought it was an opportune moment to talk to

the Vale Council to provided entertainment appoint a resort over the years and his son had been one of the best patrick owns the attractions on the Promenade it hadn't been for the

Marco Zeraschi runs turn of the century.

BARRY ISLAND two men whose families Marco's Café which has traders have hailed have been part of the become world famous Island's tourist scene for thanks to Gavin and a combined total of 134 Stacey; his father Francesco first began Four generations of trading on the Island in

> Pat said that this year poor period of weather in August it would have been the best since the

"The management of



ABOVE: Pat, Marco and Nino agree that there is a new momentum for toursim on Barry Island.

'What we have at the

management of tourism

"Barry Island is the hub of tourism in the

Vale so I think it would

justify having a manager

dedicated to it in the way

need to be sorted out.

#### by TIM **CHAPMAN**

"We had a very good start to the season with the period over the a resort manager to help August Bank Holiday, coordinate events and the but the bad spell of management weather earlier in the on the Island. month stopped it being "Barry Isl the best year in the last hub of touri 10.

Traders have been particularly encouraged that any hints of drinking or rowdiness have been nipped in the bud by tactthat Island tourism was if we hadn't had 18 days heading in the right in August when there was some rain.

"When it rains, people disappear and then return when its dry or when the sun is back out.

"I'd like to see some sort of a UCI development on the Island with cinemas, bowling and a food mall. It would give people somewhere to go when it rains.

"What traders would also like to see is more local accommodation for visitors and tourists.

Pat pointed to the old Marco and his son toilets bordering Nell's Point and Nell's Point Nino said that the good management of Barry itself as locations that Island was now the envy Marco agreed that the of many resorts around Wales and England. summer season had been

Nino added: year has seen really good "What we have seen is rennaisance of the management of Island with proper com-"I'd settle for this sort munity policing.

Pat said there was a would have been one of to Nell's Point? Please

## **Help Barry** regeneration

A member of the will be self-funding and S t r a t e g i c sustainable in the long Regeneration Board term.

for Barry has encour
"What we don't want for Barry has encouraged local organisa- to see is projects starting tions to come forward and then vanishing when

ong term way. Paul Haley, the chair-nan of Pride in Barry, said he wanted to emphasise the fact regeneration was not limited to the Waterfront or Barry Island, and is po something for "greater Barry

He explained: "There are lots of opportunities for the public to get involved if they have a project they want to proemployment, heritage, skills, leisure or tourism.

the greater Barry area BarryRegeneration@wal with money wisely spent es.gsi.gov.uk to provide things that TIM C

with projects that will the regeneration money benefit the town in a

dries up.
"It is a great chance for community groups and organisations to come forward with workable schemes."

Mr Haley stressed that if people wanted to proose something it had to be thought through properly, with a body information to back it up and not simply be an initial idea.

The board next meets in October and ideas pose, whether it is in should be sent to Steve Long of the Barry Strategic Regeneration "We want to see Board at a W schemes which will help Assembly email Welsh

TIM CHAPMAN

## Funeral service set to take place for 'popular' solicitor THE funeral service for popular' solicitor are Barry solicitor Mr Colin prosecutors, and magistrates" and as "a prosecutors, and magistrates" and as "a prosecutors, and magistrates" and as "a prosecutors to the people of Barry"

on Sunday, August 29.

Mr Dave Taylor, the chairman of the

Vale of Glamorgan Magistrates' Jones has been opened at Park Funeral Bench, described him at the time as Directors, Tynewydd Road and friends "an active and very popular participant in the life of the court and well respect- sonal memory of him.

Jones will take place in the town next Wednesday.

Mr Jones (52) died during a evening out with friends at Cardiff Bay on Sunday, August 29.

Mr Dave Taylor the chairman of the A. Pacel of Powershayers' to Mr.

A 'Book of Remembrance' to Mr are invited to sign it and write a per

good moment is momentum and and I would like to see we had a very good finish the Vale Council appoint

the Island from the Vale Council, the police and that town centres have Arriva Trains has been managers."

Pat pointed to the old They have helped to create the right environment because Barry Island is run by families who want to provide a family day

real feeling of optimism the best years since 1976 see the front page lead. ROYAL FOR

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# APPEAL OVER NE

THE Safer Vale Partnership is appealing to the public for information following a spate of graffiti in the Cwm Talwg area of Barry.

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Partnership is hoping that people may recog nise these and help identify the culprits.

Police Community Support Officer Samantha Dance has worked with residents to clean up the area and reduce the distress that this caused, as some of the writing may have been considered offen-

Barry Neighbourhood Police Inspector Louise Davies said: "Graffiti tags sprayed in this manner are criminal damage and this is expensive for the local community in terms of cleaning it. Offenders can be assured that we will take positive body in the act, then action in terms of prose-please call 999 stating cution.

Coun Paul Church, Chair of the Safer Vale Partnership, said:

5 Course Meal

private and public prop-erty. We take this matter very seriously and are hoping that members of the public can help us identify those responsi-

"If you catch somethe location and a description of the offender"

If anyone has any information, please call the Vale Council on (01446) 700111 or South

## Thanks **Appeal**

Thanks must go to the

Our thanks go to you, the customers, for your

## Wales Police on 101. after Wings

THE Barry Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association would like to thank the management and staff of Morrisons, Barry, for allowing the branch to use their foyer for the Battle of Britain Wings Appeal.

Air Cadets who were bag packing for the customers. They were 372 Squadron Barry, and 2300 Squadron St Athan

generosity and support. **DB Shankland** 

## News from 372 (Barry) Squadron

## Big lottery fund bonus!



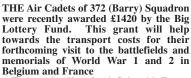
ABOVE: Adam Wood at Vimy Ridge Memorial.



A ROVE . Troops at Thiepval Memorial.



Peter Pemberstone reading the inscription on a war grave.



memorials of World War I and 2 in Belgium and France
The busy trip will see the Air Cadets visit: Tynecot cemetery, the largest Commonwealth war graves cemetery in the world and the Flanders field museum. The Cadets will also spend a day on the Somme and will see at first hand the Thiepval memorial; the memorial to the 'missing of the Somme', which bears the names of more than 7.2,000 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces who died in the Somme sector before 20 March 1918 and have no known grave.

Over 90% of those commemorated died between July and November 1916.
The Air Cadets will also visit Dunkirk and the

Battle of Britain Memorial at Capel Le Ferne to com-

memorate the 70th anniversary of these events.

As part of the visit, the Air Cadets will lay a wreath at the Menin Gate (Ypres) during the 8pm last post ceremony on behalf of the Royal British Legion. The Air Cadets will also photograph 50 war graves to assist the Commonwealth War Graves Commission with this paties personal 1.75 million with this paties personal 1.15 million. with their online project to photograph all 1.75 million

war graves.

The aim of The War Graves Photographic Project is to photograph every war grave, individual memorial, MoD grave, and family memorial of serving military personnel from WWI to the present day, and make these available within a searchable database

Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant Jason Horton said: "The award of this grant will benefit the Cadets as they will see at first the human sacrifices made by soldiers from Barry during the Great Wars.

Furthermore, they will also appreciate seeing at first hand these historical events, rather than from a history book and they will further understand the significance of Remembrance Sunday parade in The aim of The War Graves Photographic Project is

nificance of Remembrance Sunday parade November".

The Air Cadets also undertake many activities, challenges and opportunities which include flying, gliding, shooting, sports, adventure training, team building exercises, expeditions, visits and field craft training.

372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls

384 The Sauadron parades on between 13-18 years old. The Squadron parades on Mondays and Wednesdays 7 - 9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour by the Memorial Hall. Contact the Squadron on 01446 747734, or email 372@aircadets.org for more information.



FSgt Jess Clifford & Sgt Connor Mincher wreath laying at the Menin Gate.

#### RHOOSE WI NEWS

## WI enjoy hat talk

HOOSE WI met at the Community met at the Hall on Thursday, September 2.

"Jerusalem" was sung, and after the minutes of the last meeting were signed and correspondence dealt with, members were reminded that nominations for committee members must be submitted at the next meeting in time for the November AGM.

After the conclusion of business, the meeting settled down to listen to Mrs Sarah Keep, the

speaker for the evening.

Mrs Keep is a professional milliner from Cowbridge and her talk about the processes and materials involved in hat making was very inter-esting and informative.

Her demonstration of

hats she had made, from grand occasions to fascinators, intrigued her listeners who enjoyed trying on the various mod-

The meeting concluded with tea and biscuits and the announcement of the raffle winner, Mrs Eileen Eeles

Future events: September 23 - canal cruise: October 9 -Glamorgan Federation Annual Council meeting at the Memorial Hall, Barry.

The next meeting of Rhoose WI will take place on Thursday, October 7 at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose, at 7.30 pm. Visitors will be made very welcome.

Councillors' surgery THE Labour Vale and town councillors for

Buttrills Ward, Stuart Egan, Margaret Alexander and Pam Drake, will be holding a monthly advice surgery on Saturday, September 11 from 10am to 11.30 am in the town council offices, Gladstone Road, Barry. No appointment is necessary.



'A centre of excellence for schools from across UK'

## Will the new vision for Nell's Point change Island for ever?

a centre of excellence for schools from across the Minister for this week wrote to par-opment for Barry, Wales country to visit, and come back again and Andrews has cited Barry attend Barry Island "But even better, this"

proposals as part of the broposal sary parents and ESTYN report.

I have a larger of what among the future. The school was also happen in the future. Paul Haley of Pride in Barry. We now want to sible grades in its last broken work with parents and ESTYN report.

Have a larger of what among the future. Paul Haley of Pride in "I think these imaginative proposals can be work with parents and ESTYN report. the wider community to In producing the create a legacy for future vision, members of staff

seriously by decision began in Brittany 20 "The proposals are makers because of the years ago. "The innovative and have posschool's exemplary track" The school's head-sibilities to be a best in He added: "It could be school's exemplary track record in recent years -

generations that is wor-thy of the site" were inspired by study-ing the successful The school's propos-'Classe de Mer' educa-als will be considered tional initiative which

'Friends and

Neighbours' enjoy

their day out

teacher Janet Hayward class cutting edge develagain with their families. Island Primary School as Primary detailing the is a local initiative, "We're very pleased an example of what a exciting vision and invit- developed by local peothat the council have 21st century school ing them to be part of a ple for the benefit of the agreed to consider our should look like.

so far during my involve- wholeheartedly wholeheartedly ment in Barry regenera- make it happen.

neighbourhood

working with offi-

Cowbridge and the

neighbourhood

support team, have

arrested one 18-

year-old man and

three male youths

for a number of

theft of a motor

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vehicle

cers

"The vision for an eco use Nell's Point, I really coastal school is in my hope that the community, opinion the most exciting and business can all unite community development to get behind this fantas-initiative that I have seen tic project and support it

> next few In the

"The proposals are months it will be up to innovative and have pos- the Vale Council and the Welsh Government to decide whether Ysgol y Môr is the final solution to the thorny issue of what should happen to Nell's

Point. Rob Quick, the Vale Council director of environmental and economic regeneration, said: excellent an response to the consulta-tion on the future of Nell's Point and we'd like to thank everyone for taking the time to share their views.

'We are considering all the comments and suggestions received, including those from Barry Island Primary School."

## **Charity banks** £1,950 after Claire's **Race for Life**



from Barry, along with colleagues from Barclavs Bank, took part in the recent Race for Life in Cardiff, and raised nearly £1,000 for Cancer Research UK, which will be match

Claire, who works at Barclays FRC in Pentwyn, Cardiff, said: "This was my 9th Race for Life and the event never fails to inspire me. Unfortunately, every year there seems to be a friend or a family member that has been affected by can-

cer.
"This year I ran for my 17-year-old cousin Jason, who is battling testicular cancer. "Cancer Research

UK do a fantastic job in trying to eradicate this dreadful disease

news report telling you of a new breakthrough, you know the funds you raised have helped

to achieve this." Kathy Brown, **Community Investment** Manager for Barclays said: "More than 8,000 of our people have been involved in fundraising or volun-teering in their comfunded by Barclays munities. Over the last for a total of £1.950, five years, Barclay's people have raised over £60 million for their favourite charities with our help and matched fundraising.

## **EVENING**

WITH JAMIE JAMIE OWEN, the BBC TV presenter, will be at the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major, at 7pm on September 16 to give a talk and slide show on 'Around Wales by B Roads and Byways', his new book.

The talk is free, and tickets are available now from Nicklebys

## Police make local arrests

from

from

THE 'Friends and members went to Sully Neighbours' group Constitutional Club for was taken on a surenjoyed an excellent prise visit to the meal Senedd as part of The group meets once their first annual a month at the Senior trip.

Health Shop in Holton Road, Barry. They were given a

tour of the Senedd by
Jane Hutt AM and given
tea and coffee and Welsh
New The next meeting is on September 22 at 2pm members always welcome to join.

Many of the group commented on the tour, saying how amazed they ther information. The were and how it would be group has really grown in something they would be numbers since it was formed!

GAY FIFIELD Cowbridge and an

POLICE officers attempted burglary from the St Athan at St Athan.

Neighbourhood beat manager PC Carl Parry said: "A vehicle was team, said: stolen from Cowbridge overnight on August Three local male youths were arrested the following morning in relation to this and are facing a number of charges. PC Parry added that

following offences including further into an enquiries attempted burglary at the Tathan Discount Store in St Athan an 18-year-old local man has been arrested and charged.

children over the years.

Not only does he knit, charged.

spins good yarn ST NICHOLAS WI NEWS

'Man who knits'

'THE Man who knits' was the speaker for the September meeting – a most entertaining and interesting presentation by Mr Ward from

Penarth. During his talk, he showed numerous items from his knitted creations which he had made for his wife and

but he also creates amazing patterns and uses colour to great effect.
The business meeting

followed during which the president Mrs Ann Bryant asked for names of members wishing to attend the autumn council meeting, to be held in Barry on October 9.

Mrs Jen Hayes won the monthly competition and the raffle was won by Mrs Mary Lakin.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7 at 7pm.

#### Old Age Pensioners Tinsel & Turkey Weekend 8th - 12th November, 2010

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## Paraglide bid to Help Heroes

A VALE councillor wounded service men and women.

able to tell their family.
Following the visit,

Gower at the end of September.

fied paragliding pilot, has flown the Rhossili site on Coun Rob Curtis, who represents the His shortest flight from Gibbonsdown ward, will this site has been under four minutes while his langest time was for over a number of occasions. sp. His shortest flight from o two hours.

explained:

Sponsors will also get recently attended the a chance to win a prize Armed Forces Day in sored paraglide to raise funds for the Help for Heroes of the process of the professionalism of the profession charity, which gives trendy Help for Heroes do my bit to support our help and support to

Anyone who wishes to support Coun Curtis'

Liquorice Laces, a dedicated children's shoe shop, owned by Nikki and Jeff Jones, will bring a fantastic selection of top European children's shoe brands to the heart of Cowbridge. Though Nikki, a member of The Society of Shoe Fitters for the past 3 years, is keen to point out that it's not just about style. Nikki prides herself on offering solution's that will not compromise the health of your child's feet.

The range offered at Liquorice Laces means whether you are looking for fabulously soft baby shoes, first walkers or a great pair of long lasting school shoes, they are confident in being able to find the shoe that suits the need.

Liquorice Laces also offer a webshop at www.liquoricelaces.co.uk which is updated regularly. Being located close to Cowbridge's free car park, don't miss the opportunity to drop by yourself and see what's new in stock. Why not bring some bread and feed the ducks!

4 Penny Lane, Cowbridge CF71 7EG

Nikki and Jeff have created a shop with a unique feel in a unique setting. One Nikki and jet inserve created a shop wind a unique teer in a unique setting. One they hope reflects the brands they have carefully chosen to stock. They have both been genuinely delighted by the welcome that both fellow shop owners and passers-by have held out to them, and look forward to being an integral part of trading in Cowbridge for many years.

01446 775289

Coun Curtis, a quali- thing on our behalf."

sponsored flight can log www.bmycharity.com/flyforheroes or phone 01446 736287 and leave details for a sponsorship

"I form.

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#### Autumn Fayres Update...

The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge (01446 774814) Sunday 26th September 2010, 11.00am - 4.00pm Caerphilly Castle, Caerphilly (01443 336106) Sunday 3rd October 2010, 11.00am - 4.00pm St Mellons Hotel, Cardiff (01633 680355) Sunday 10th October 2010, 11.00am - 4.00pm

New House Hotel, Cardiff (02920 520280) Sunday 31st October 2010, 11.00am - 4.00pm The Coed-Y-Mwstwr Hotel, Coychurch (01656 860621) Sunday 7th November 2010, 11.00am - 4.00pm

If you require further details please emain jamie@eternitywithlove.co.uk
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## **Whitmore Bay** nippers do well out west!

THE bank holiday weekend Maisy Gibbs came third in beach saw another successful event for the Whitmore Bay nippers at St David's in west Wales in Dylan Anderson came first in beach flags and second in both the long run 'St David's Nippers and sprint races.

Many thanks to all the team mem-Competition'.

Maisy Gibbs, Jasmine Morgan, bers and their families for their contin-Katy Gibbs, Emily Anderson and ued support, and also well done and Sarah Phillips brought home silver congratulations to the other nipper medals for the team in the girls' relay teams who took part in the event.

## FIRE GARDEN AMAZES TH CROWDS AT CENTRAL PARK



ABOVE and BELOW: Barry's Central Park last Friday hosted one of its more unusual events - Le Jardin Flambé - in which the popular leisure area became a flickering, glittering, blazing cauldron of heat and light.



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Barry's Park on Friday, August 27, to wit-Flambé, a fiery enthralled wit installation full of flicks and turns. blazing trees, fiery flowers and burping cabinet member begonias!

Organised by the Vale Council as part of its nacle of the week and a Barry Summer Season, the flame garden was first Barry Festival. created by critically-acclaimed company Walk the Plank, which has previously closed the Commonwealth Games.

It was the first time Le wonder by the crowd, show to match any intermany of whom queued national venue."

of up several times over to people flooded into get another look at the Central eerie landscape.

Further entertainment was provided by perness Le Jardin who kept queuing people enthralled with fiery

Coun Anthony Ernest leisure and tourism, said "This event was the pin

incredibly diverse mix of activities, from body painting and street the-atre to live music and Jardin Flambé had been extreme sports, all of Jardin Flambé had been seen in Wales and it was met with excitement and Vale's ability to put on a

## Vale MP Alun Cairns formally opens his constituency office

ALUN CAIRNS, the MP for the across the constituency have been Vale of Glamorgan has formally opened his constituency office in Barry. Based in High Street, the Vale's recently elected MP is at the heart of Wales largest town.

The office is open for general enquiries every week day, and the MP will continue to hold regular advice surgeries across the Vale.

"Although Mr Cairns explained: "Although we have been operational since the election, it has taken time to get the office and staff fully functional.

"We have been exceptionally busy since May 6 and my advice surgeries packed. Formally opening the office will help us support constituents more efficiently.

"I'm keen to provide assistance to as many residents and businesses as possible - getting the office and team of staff up and running quickly has been crucial.

"I look forward to welcoming many more constituents to 29 High Street, Barry over the coming months. Our number has also changed to 01446 403814 and the e-mail is alun.cairns.mp@parliament.uk.



Geraint Thomas had worked as a salesman, selling vehicle-cleaning products for 14 years. He always wondered whether the grass was greener elsewhere When he saw the Autosmart franchise advertised, he realised that it was the perfect opportunity to be his own boss, to get out and about with work, meet new people and earn more money.

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Geraint's hard work and determination to succeed has meant that he's nearly trebled his sales and his income since starting in October 2005. Autosmart products are top quality", said Geraint. "All sorts of businesses use them - garages, car washes and car leasing companies to name a few"

Would Geraint recommend an Autosmart franchise? "Definitely! I'd make the same decision again. It's hard-work but the rewards are there - work hard, and you're bound to succeed."

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Zeaders Letters

## Thank you for supporting the children of Nepal

E would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our charity garden event on behalf of the NHCEP (Nepal's Helpless Children's Education Programme) on Sunday, September at Llanmaes Village Hall.

Despite the inclement weather, the day was a great success.

The Welsh Supporters Group made a wonderful effort making cakes, serving teas and working on the stalls, and their

Parry,

Llantwit Major

help was greatly appreci ated. We would also like to thank all those people who made generous donations to the

We were able to raise £600. The money will go towards our current project which is to supply a security fence around the school for the safety of the children, and also to build much needed toilet facilities We are committed to helping the disadvantaged children in the remote mountain areas of Nepal, and the work

goes on.
A big thank you to you all.

Wayne and Coral

'What about the cyclists?'

that cycling is prohibited on the promenade next to Barry Island beach. when a piratethemed fourwheeled motorbike is allowed to weave its way through the crowds down on the sand?

And why is it that new paths being built on Barry Waterfront to 'improve access for walkers and cyclists have had large signs erected on either end with the edict 'Cyclists Dismount'?

I understand that councils are anxious to deny anyone the oppor-tunity to sue them for failing to protect health and safety – but councils also have a legal respon-sibility to promote wellMore people are dying from obesity-related illnesses than from falling off bikes.

In its latest guidance on preventing cardiovas-cular disease, NICE (the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence) urges authorities to ensure that the physical environment encourages people to be active. In particular, it calls on them to "audit by-laws and amend those that prohibit physical activity in public spaces"

When 60 per cent of us are on course to be clinically overweight at a cost to the economy of some £50 billion a year, surely it is time to pull down ill-considered signs and start thinking what we CAN do to encourage people to travel in ways that benefit their health and the environment? Lee Waters, Barry

## LE TAXI DRIVERS MEET COUNCIL TO EXPRESS THEIR FEARS OF RISING COST

The drivers of 25 per cent.
Checker Cars based at The statement pointed GEM because they nave certainly a ready source become so concerned at of cash for the council. spiralling costs. "For virtually every

The GEM by 19 drivers, emanates from the coun-

TAXI drivers in the the men and women Vale claim they claim that the Vale Council's proposed have become coun-cil 'whipping boys' charges to the private and because they are a public hire sector in source of easy cash. some key areas approach

Cardiff Airport, who out: "There is ample evi-ferry people to and from dence to demonstrate that the airport to all areas of the sector is regarded as the Vale, Bridgend and 'whipping boys' by the Cardiff, contacted The council's officers and GEM because they have certainly a ready source

In a statement sent to announcement

#### by TIM CHAPMAN

Cowbridge hotel

This is an informal gathering to talk about how the community can become more sustainable. This

month's discussion will include a local renewable

cil licensing section Cardiff charge less than results in high levels of £60 for a driver to renew extra costs and inconven-ience for taxi operators and drivers alike.

"Previous changes in Vehicle plating regulations and medical regulations have already resultation shave already resultation shave already resultation shave already resultation as regards our sector." increased costs."

that authorities such as council is to limit the

Hotel from

September 14.

a badge, while in the Vale the charge is to go up from £66.50 to £80.

and add that for some "all The drivers say that these changes are making some people are having life very difficult" in a to pay £100 a year now to for a medical.

for a medical. The drivers also say
They also point out that if the intention of the

the council should con-sider introducing a cap-Council head of pubsider introducing a cap-

GEM: "The council are treating us like a cash cow Lunderstand there were 167 objections to

were 167 objections to the raising of fees."

Taxi drivers had a meeting with the Vale Council on Tuesday, September 7 at which they raised their concerns at rising costs.

The Vale Council said that its liberative serv

that its licensing committee met on September 7 to consider proposals to increase fees and charges in rela-tion to the licensing of Hackney Carriages and private hire vehicles and GREEN Drinks will be held at the Bear operators and that "the 7.30pm on Tuesday, matter has been deferred

further information".

The council pointed out that the increase has been proposed to reduce energy project. All are welcome. Contact Rob McGhee at transi-tioncowbridge@googlemail.com or 07712196150. the 'cost burden' of the council's vehicle licens-

pending the provision of

numbers of taxi drivers, ing activities on local

ping system. lic protection, Alun Stan Harkus of Street Billinghurst, said: "The Cars in Barry told The council is currently subsidising the service at a level that is not sustainable. Also, to ensure public safety, the Vale Council, in common with most other councils, requires licensed drivers to pass a Group 2 standard medical. This is not necessarily an annual requirement - it is required when a new licence is granted; then when a driver reaches 45 years of age it is required every five years until the driver's 65th birthday when it becomes an annual requirement.

"The costs of these medicals are outside the

control of the council. The council acknowledges that there is a variation in taxi licensing fees across local authorities."

#### Green drinks in Follow the art trail

THE village of St Brides Major is holding its first art and craft exhibition featuring local artists on Saturday and Sunday. September 11-12, in St Brides Major Church Hall, St **Brides Major and** All Saints Church,

Southerndown.

work, jewellery, teddy bears, willow creations and many other crafts, all by local artists, will be available for sale.
Admission to both

venues is free; refreshments will be available.

On Sunday, September 12 at 7.15pm in St Brides Major Church Hall there will be an auction of specially donated works, which can be bid for during the exhibition, or on the

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## Launch event at the **Heritage Coast Centre**



THE Heritage Coast Centre at Dunraven has new interpretation facilities, funded through the friends of the centre. There will be a launch event on Sunday, September 19, at 2.30pm and members of the public are invited.

#### Andrew RT Davies AM Welsh Conservative Assembly Member for South Wales Central



If you would like to raise any issues with Andrew, please contact:

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#### GIANT **VEG** SHOW

THE Llanharry Giant Vegetable Show has had entries from all over the UK ready for a bumper day on Saturday. September 11.

The show is to be held at Elm Road, Llanharry, and judging starts at 11am. Doors open to the public at 1pm. Entrance is 50p.

A spokeswoman said: 'It's a great day out for all the family. Every year we have an outstanding response to this show and without a doubt, this year will be just as amazing.

"We are expecting 900-pound pumpkins, 130-pound marrows and astonishing cabbages."

For further information, please contact Gail Wintle, show secretary, on 07976 935223.

'From Chaplin to

Bond' at the Hub

BARRY'S Save Our Cinema Association

will be presenting its exhibition 'From

Chaplin to Bond and Beyond' which looks at the town's Theatre Royal cinema 100-

year history at the YMCA in Court Road,

from Monday, September 13.

#### PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB NEWS

## Where there is real democracy on the discussion topics chosen!

WAY back in July, the club held an open evening as part of the Penarth Holiday Festival.

Most visitors arrived quite early. They were able to view a presenta-tion about the club's aims and activities on our big screen, as well as browse over some static displays and talk to members who had brought along their own computers to show the sorts of things they use

them for.
One display consisted of computer compo-nents that are normally hidden inside the machine. They were available to be picked up and turned over and accompanied by a card with a brief description of what they were and what they did. Club members

answered whatever questions arose. They were also able to chat over any problems that visitors were experience

HONDA

ing with their computers. This they did (probably with varying suc-

I took the opportunity to address the assembled mix of visitors and members, and thanked them for coming and continued with an informal chat about the club; why it was formed and how it operated for the benefit of the members.

There are many aspects to computing and not everyone is interested in all of them. Indeed, some folk might be concerned only with one or two areas such as emails or family history.

Interests, like fashions, change over time. The club deals with this by asking the members

to suggest topics for the talks. These topics will be adopted provided it is popular and we can find someone able to

give an interesting talk. The club occasionally invites guest speakers to talk on topics of general computing interest – always in plain English! The club does not

demand that people join in order to attend, but charges a visitor's fee per meeting instead.

In modern political jargon it means choice, but it means that several people are able to choose just a couple of relevant talks to suit their preferences.

Members insist that every time they come they learn something.

That applies even to the talks they have attended before for two reasons: there is always something new and they are reminded of older things that they had forgotten.

As the evening closed, I was pleased to hear several positive comments about the evening, and meet an old friend from too

many years ago!.

The club restarts on Tuesday, September 14 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. 7.30 pm for 8 00 Visitors and new members welcome. For more information telephone 029 20708439.

HOWARD DESMOND

#### Barry seafarers' service

THIS year's annual seafarers' service members of the general will be held at the Memorial Hall, Barry on Saturday, September 18, at

11am.
The Rev M Davies, honorary chaplain to the Merchant Navv Association (Wales) Barry branch, will officiate, and Barry Ladies Choir will provide the musical and accompanist. vocal

A spokesman said: 'The service is open to

public. It is especially hoped that family members of serving and for-mer members of the Merchant Navy, Royal Navy and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary will also

attend. holding Seafarers' service, we acknowledge the vital role played by the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force, and also all those who follow the calling of the sea, deep sea fish-erman, the life boat service and others.

"The presence of Branch Standards will be greatly appreciated at the service. The order of parade is the Merchant Navy Association, The Royal Navy, The Royal Air Force, The Royal British Legion and all other standards.

"A branch wreath will be laid prior to the service at the Merchant Navy monument at 10.20am with a blessing.

"All other organisations are welcome to lay wreaths at this event."

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## 'Friends' challenge Barry plant BARRY and Vale advice on good

Mr Stockdale said the

investment for Barry

and crucially assist the

Friends of the Earth prospects for a legal say they plan to challenge to the inspecmount a legal chal- tor's decision to overturn lenge to a planning the council's refusal of inspector's decision planning consent for the waste-wood incinerator fuelled energy plant to be be be the control on Woodham Road." to be built in the legal challenge would be

on technical grounds, In July, the inspector and would address "the allowed an appeal by Sunrise Renewables failure failure to secure Environmental Impact Limited which sought permission to build a Assessment in complinine mega-watt facility ance with the legislation".

Keith Stockdale told Sunrise welcomed the The GEM: "Barry and inspector's decision in Vale Friends of the Earth July to allow the plant think the attempt to and a spokesman point-bring a major industrial plant onto the dock must provide a significant provide a significant be stopped.

"It will sabotage the aspirations to upgrade the town-side part of the dock for modern mixed dock for modern mixed and 25 permanent jobs residential, recreation and 25 permanent jobs and light-industry use.

Dock Welsh Assembly's plans Incinerators Action to reduce Wales' green group has secured legal house emissions.'

Shock death of long serving Stanwell teacher A LONG-SERV-

ING teacher at Stanwell School in Penarth died suddenly just before the start of the new term.

Lesley Lee, the deputy headteacher at Stanwell, was found dead at her home in Thornhill, Cardiff

This term, she was due to take the post of acting headteacher, following the retirement of Malcolm Parker.

She had been at the same school for a remarkable total of 36 years. Her main teaching subject was histo-

At the Vale Council. there was shock at the announcement of her sudden death.

Coun Tony Hampton, the cabinet member for education and lifelong learning, said: "Lesley has worked at Stanwell School since 1974 and has been a major force behind the exceptional progress achieved by the school in recent

"She was a highly respected figure in the education community of south Wales. The council extends its sympathy and condolences to her family and friends."

## Horse play for charity

AN event called 'Under Starters Orders' is taking place at The Three . Bells car park, Coldbrook Road, Barry, on Saturday, September 11 to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

One of the organisers, Sarah Aston, told The GEM: "The event will run from 12pm till 6pm at The Three Bells and there will be six races with the winner of each with the wilner of each race going through to our final. There is a a first prize of £50 and a trophy. All proceeds from the day are going to Cancer Research UK and it is all sponsored by Ladbrokes. Ladbrokes.

"The event is open to everyone. You can register to take place in the race for £5 per team – one jockey on a hobby horse and one roller - or come along and cheer on and support the riders.

"Registration is taken prior to the day at The Three Bells. One person must be at least 18 years old. We can accommodate a maximum of 36 teams on a first come basis, so hurry-up and register before all the places go.

There will also be a barbecue, a tombolla, a raffle and other attractions on the day.

Antique weekend

DYFFRYN GARDENS and Arboretum at St Nicholas is a beautiful, grade 1 listed Edwardian garden and will be the setting for an annual antique and collectors' fair on Saturday and Sunday, September 11-12.

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## Coffee and cake as the swarm-busters do their hard work!

MY mention of 'swarming' in my previous article have peaked.

The exception to the placed into the skep. rule can and did happen. On collecting rule can and did happen. On collecting a and entering our basket, parts and Barbara and I were called swarm, if you get the This process took about from feedir out to a swarm that had queen into your skep, an hour, which passed their death. established itself in a tall privet hedge, and it had been there for some days as honeycomb building

was under way.

The lady who called us provided a wonderful ladder and platform assembly, which gave us very good access to the bees. Some cutting away of the hedge was needed to allow a straw skep (basket) to be inserted, then further judicious snipping here and there

office on 01446 749000.

#### **NEWS FROM** FONMON APIARY

queen gives off a pheromone (chemical signal) that holds the swarm together. Where she goes the bees will follow!

a cover was put on leaving a small gap to give the bees access.

Proof that the queen

VALEWAYS WALKS

ON Sunday, September 12 from 1pm-3.30pm, it is 'bay circular' – an extended walk.

Stop for refreshments in bay. Start at Penarth bar-

Stop for ferfesiments in oay. Start at Penarth barrage car park (fee payable).

On Monday, September 13 at 1.30pm, Merthyr Dyfan. Start at Cemetery Approach, Barry.

On September 14 at 1.30pm, The Golden Stairs and Porthkerry. Start at All Saints church, Park

On September 15, 10.30am, North west ridge.

Start at Star Inn, Treoes.

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surfaces, steep sections or soft, wet ground on some

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you can be assured that with coffee and cake, the second container the rest of the bees will plus Barbara explaining is now used and can be follow. Why is this? The about the swarming and left in a little longer, if queen gives off a honeybees in general to required. It is a very pheromone (chemical the lady and her friends. effective treatment as can signal) that holds the court departure is a constant.

are foragers which are, of the hive (dead mites). Removing the skep course, away when you from the hedge and put-ting it onto the platform, try to remove the swarm. You this time of the year is to check that the bees have more?
Now is the time to

look to the needs of your by feeding them syrup bees and to prepare for (liquid sugar) which the winter to come they will readily accept Treatment for Varroa is and make use of. Treatment for Varroa is essential. Barbara and I have already begun to do shall apply a further mite this using Apiguard. It is control treatment using supplied in a foil contain- heated oxalic acid cryser and is in gel form.

do not like foreign sub-stances in the hive, will systems in greater detail. have removed most if not HAROLD

Apiguard by the bees means that they do get it onto their bodies, and stated that it should meant that the majority was in there was soon any mites on them also for the bees could be evident, as bees could be get it onto their bodies.

This affects their mouth. seen leaving the hedge This effects their mouth-and entering our basket. parts and stops them This process took about from feeding leading to from feeding leading to

The second container On our departure, be seen on an inspection some bees were left of the board or tray behind (not many). These beneath the mesh floor of the bing (dead mitter)

late in the day to allow as enough stores (i.e. many bees as possible to honey) to see them return. Will there be any through the coming winter. If they do not, the shortfall can be made up

Later on in the year, I tals. There is a method of This is a two-stage using oxalic acid mixed process. Your first conwith liquid sugar, but I do tainer should be checked not like to use it, as I conafter two weeks and by sider it too invasive. My this time the bees, who next article will explain

WILLIAMS

## Steam Locomotive 9466 has returned to its home in Barry



**GREAT** Western pannier tank locomotive 9466. famously rescued from Dai Woodam's historic Barry Scrapyard, returned to Barry last weekend as part of the town's Waterfront Festival.

The locomotive, in far better condition now than when it left the town, was operating steam the town, was operating steam services for families at the Barry Rail Centre between Barry Waterfront and Barry Island. Barry Rail Centre managing

director, Dr Mark Lang, said: "I am delighted that 9466 has been able to join us in Barry this year for this important weekend. At the end of the summer, we have operated services every weekend between Barry Waterfront and

Barry Island.
"Many local families and visitors to the town enjoyed their visit to the Barry Rail Centre and their trip on 9466."

Loco 9466 was one of the locomotives in the famous Barry scrapyard during the 1960s until it was rescued in 1975, and it is the was rescued in 1975, and it is the first of many restored former Barry scrappard locos that The Cambrian Group, custodians of the Barry Rail Centre, hope to bring to Barry.

Cambrian Group chairman, John Buxton, said: "Over the last

few months, we have been working to improve the Barry Rail Centre, dealing with a backlog of repair and maintenance on the site. We are working to make good urgent repairs to the railway infrastructure, and to improve the visitor facilities and the general

appearance of the centre. This work will continue

Thursday, September 9th, 2010

Dr Lang added: "I am also pleased to report that we have made excellent progress in our drive to provide local young people with training opportunities at the rail centre, and we currently have two teams of 10 local young people training and working on

Mr Buxton added: "We have ambitious and exciting plans for the Barry Rail Centre, not only for running our tourist railway, but also in heritage restoration projects, skills training and commercial operations.'

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## Stagecoach children collect their awards

from Bridgend and the Vale received awards at end-of-term presentations Stagecoach Theatre Arts.

Long term attendance, effort, perseverance and participation were acknowledged, with medals and certificates.

"In an age when children begin

it is refreshing to see a school not just rewarding natural talent but emphasising the importance of effort and commitment," said

spokeswoman Helene Reynolds.
"Students receive a bronze
medal after three years, silver
medal at four, gold medal for five, continuing upwards - with a dif-ferent award presented for each year of continued training.
"The fact that so many children

a new hobby or start to learn a return to their Stagecoach classes skill, but don't always stick at it, year after year is also no doubt a

reflection of the enjoyment they get and skills they learn every week," she added.

Some students are pictured (right) after accepting their award, among them Catrin Young (age 16), who was recognised for an exceptional 12 years commitment; Elizabeth Parker (age 17), for an impressive 11 years; and Luke Lewis (age 16) who, despite having Downs Syndrome, has been an incredibly committed and

AM opens Marie Curie's

'Light up the Night' walk



ABOVE: The pupils pictured with their certificates at the end of term presentations.

#### IN BRIEF Gathering Place fun

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She said: "This walk is organised by Marie Curie volunteers, with singers and musicians making it a

very special occasion.

"It is a very emotional event for so many who are remembering their loved ones who were cared for at the hospice. It was a privilege to open the walk and to take part."

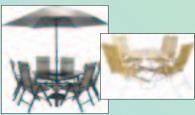


#### WHAT'S ON In brief

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## 21st Century school is a sight to behold!



ABOVE: The dance studio.



ABOVE: Sponsored bricks laid by well-wishers





ABOVE: A view from the bridge at the main entrance. The ground has been seeded, so this will soon be green lawns.



ABOVE: A walkway doubles up as a balcony.



ABOVE: The school's main entrance.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHS** by MIKE WILCOCK

THIS week saw the opening of the new and refurbished Cowbridge Comprehensive School – and The GEM had a sneak preview of the new 'school for the 21st Century'.

Staff returning after their summer break were delighted with their new accommodation, which features full ICT capability in all areas, state-of-the-art facilities for all specialist classrooms and drama, music and PE facilities which will be among the best avail-

able in a school setting.

The school's headteacher, Mrs Margaret Evans, said: "I am delighted that at last we have school premises which do justice to the efforts and enthusiasm of our students and the commitment and dedication of

our staff.
"This is a school of which we can be, justifiably, very proud. I am very grateful to the Vale Council, the Welsh Assembly Government and all the contractors

and other supporters for bringing our plans to fruition.
"I am looking forward to seeing the reactions of students to their new surroundings when they return to school later this week".

The opening of the new premises marks the culmination of a very successful year for the school. Just a few weeks ago, year-11 students achieved the best set of key stage four results ever recorded by the school, with 94 per cent of students achieving the equivalent of five or more A\* to C grades, and an overall A\* to G pass rate of 99.5 per cent.

#### THE GEM'S TOUR

THE most striking thing about walking around the massive new school building at Cowbridge Comprehensive is just how light

and airy it feels.

There are none of the long dark corridors that you see in some public buildings. Walkways are relatively short, and they curve around the buildings, with bal-

conies and windows and plenty of daylight.

The sports hall is massive, and should be popular with sports clubs from around the Vale, while the

dance studio, for instance, is a breath-taking facility.

The classrooms again, are bright, light and very hitech. Computers are everywhere, and even the school's signing in and dinner money systems are going to be

on 'smart cards'.

Visitors will enter the school via a bridge, and the main reception is on the middle floor of three. Stairs and balconies then take pupils around the school to their classrooms.

their classrooms.

In effect, the sports hall is in the centre of the building, with walkways circling it.

The school is also delighted with its new school hall, with perfect lighting, a stage for school productions, and a hi-tech sound system.

Our tour was just a sneak preview, and even the staff are still finding their way around, but it is blindingly obvious that Cowbridge has been given a stunning school building!







ABOVE: A music studio, waiting for tuneful students!



Looking out over the astroturf pitch.



ABOVE: The main reception area.



There are pieces of art work dotted around the school and its grounds.



ABOVE: Looking down on the library from a walkway



## INTERNATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CON TO SOUTH WALES FOR BANK HOLI

INTERNATIONAL volleyball arrived in south Wales over the Bank Holiday weekend, when teams from around the globe competed at Barry Island's Whitmore

It was the culmination of the British Beach Volleyball circuit and over three days of competition teams from Britain, Brazil, Germany, Finland and Portugal took part. As you can see from Glyn Evans' pictures there was plenty of athleticism and endeavour on display!

## **PHOTOGRAPHS** by GLYN EVANS

Other pictures are available from this event.

Pictures can be purchased by contacting: e-mail glynevans01@tiscali.co.uk telephone 01446 773225. Visit our studio in the Wool Barn, Verity's Court, Cowbridge.

















ters in Oxford.

The REAL Centre (Rethinking Education And Learning) is packed with the latest high-tech equipment and designed to provoke discussion and research about how the integrated design of furniture and technology can provide flexibility and extend the range of activities to sup-port a more 'learner cen-

ronment made of light.



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The day was very hands-on, with pupils thaving the chance to build robots, produce animation, use a green-street and the state of the state t

build robots, produce saize.

animation, use a green-screen, podcast, and use touch screen and 3D and the RM team were technology. They also amazed by their knowlesigned for individuals enthusiastic and well with special needs and used an interactive environment made of light, to see boys from year 7 to see boys from year 7 through to year 11 work-



Student Action Pupils also liked trying out all the different ing and getting along waterproof beanbags, a chair that is impossible to part of the school's writing up their report

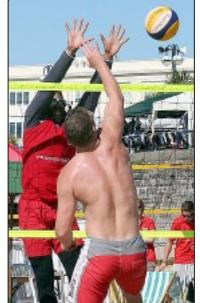
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Magistrates Court

The consultation

Monday, September 15,

so it is not too late for

concerned individuals, organisations and agen-

cies to make their views

known.

My response is available on my website and I want to take the opportunity in my GEM column this week to lay out my key objections which are widely reflected by all those who play a real in

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serving, supporting and

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## Sign up for new skills and qualifications

HE new Vale of own pace and at a time Glamorgan
Lifelong Learning Prospectus is now available and enrolments are already being taken for new Adult **Education courses** starting in September across the Vale.

The new adult educa-tion term starts at the end of September, but centres have been busy taking enrolments and many courses are expected to be fully

booked.

A wide range of computer courses are on offer that provide valu-able skills for the workplace including internet, web design. Powerpoint. Publisher, PC mainte-nance and accredited courses such as photography, Clait and ECDL at all levels

New courses in sign language and coun-selling are also accredit-

Welsh courses are available at all levels and learners have the choice to learn at their to suit them.

There are a wide vari-

ety of courses in art. crafts and textiles, cookery and sugarcraft, European languages, history and literature, complementary therapies, yoga and Tai Chi, guitar and dance, gardening, Bridge and Mah-Jong.

Courses take place at various venues across the Vale both in the daytime and evening including several teatime courses ideal for dropping into after work

A varied programme of lunchtime lectures and 'one day' Saturday workshops take place each month on a range of subjects – everything from Ebay or lifedrawing to glass fusion and cupcakes!

Concessionary fees are available for those in receipt of benefits and a free creche is available for parents attending daytime classes at Palmerston

Details of all courses can be found in the new prospectus available at

Adult & Community Learning in the Vale of Glamorgan

Sign up Saturday 11th September, 10am-1pm

Palmerston Centre, Barry St Cyres Comprehensive, Penarth

Sign Up Enrolment Evening
Wednesday 15th September 6.30-8.30pm

Barry Comprehensive
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buildings and libraries. The prospectus can also be viewed at: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/adul tlearning.

Enrolments and enquiries are being taken at all main centres. There will be a number of enrolment events taking place at centres:

On Saturday, September 11 from 10am-1pm, sign up at Palmerston, Barry Cowbridge Old Hall or St Cyres

Comprehensive, Penarth. On Wednesday, September 15 from 6.30pm-8.30pm sign up at Barry Comprehensive, St Cyres Comprehensive or Llantwit Comprehensive.

For information about courses, places or enrolment contact the Community Learning centres: Barry 01446 738054: Palmerston 01446 733762; Penarth 02920 701569: or Cowbridge 01446

As well as consulting with the magistrates and court staff, Victim Support and organisa-tions like Atal y Fro, which provides services to tackle domestic abuse in the Vale, I have circulated a petition which has received widespread support and will be pre-sented to the HMCS this week with my submission against closure.

The Vale Court is one of highest performing courts in Wales and England, open five days a week, providing a full range of court business including adult, youth, family and domestic vio-

lence courts. It also deals with TV licence, HM Customs and Excise, British Transport prosecutions, as well as all the fines relating to council tax,

DVLA and DRR.
There has been considerable public capital investment in the court over recent years to ensure that the best facilities and highest standards of security are available to victims and

On a recent visit, I viewed the £1.9m investment which included a new lift and hearing loop facilities to meet disability discrimination legislation requirements, as well as other important refurbishments.

The family court is designed to ensure the most sensitive and appropriate arrange-

ments for witnesses, especially children and families weeks I have

It is also one of the w courts in Wales and England which provides dedicated entrances for witnesses and victims.

In my response, I have pointed to the need for a dedicated court to serve the diverse constituency of the Vale. Situated in Barry,

which is the largest town in Wales, the Welsh Index of Deprivation highlights a number of Barry wards as among the most deprived in Wales.

The need for investment has been recognised by the Welsh Assembly Government with the recent granting of Strategic

Regeneration Status for the benefit of the whole town to improve eco-nomic and social well being. Community safety will play a key part in that investment.

With unemployment in the Vale at the end of last year at 4,400 (up by 500 from last year) and around 80 per cent of defendants not in work, am concerned that court attendance (in Cardiff or Bridgend) would become a major problem, with a subsequent rise in arrest warrants fo defendants, and difficulties for witnesses to

access the courts. I have also made the point that the rural Vale will suffer from this pro-posed closure, with many people living in rural villages not having access to a car and relying on more infrequent public transport. The consultation brief asks about 'the challenges of rural access' and states We need to ensure that local communities. including those in rural areas, have access to a

on this'. My response is that the Vale Magistrates Court is ideally situated to administer local justice to the residents of

court and we seek views

The magistrates are drawn from across the Vale and are representative of the diversity of serve.

The Vale is the strate gic authority responsible for transport links, the provision of social serv-

ices and community safety as well as regen-eration and well-being, and the location of the court to serve all its citizens is ideally placed in the centre of population and the main town of

Keeping local justice

in the Vale to help

Barry. The closure of the Magistrates Court would mean the Vale would be the only local authority in Wales without a courthouse!

There are many other points to be made in opposing the closure, but I would like to conclude this column by stressing the importance of the Domestic Violence

Court. In 2008, the Vale Magistrates Court was awarded specialist domestic violence court status' and it has proved critical in ensuring justice for domestic vio lence victims.

There are 1,800 incidents of domestic violence recorded each year in the Vale, although we know a great deal more is unrecorded.

Earlier this week, the Social Justice Minister, Carl Sargeant AM, visit-

serve the community a meeting with Atal y Fro where we discussed our concerns about the

proposed closure.

He has already written to the Secretary of State to express our concerns in the Welsh Assembly Government about the proposed court closures in Wales, and said that the evidence given to him about the role and contribution the domestic violence court in Barry was very important in the submissions we are making.

The closure of the Vale Magistrates Court





by Jane Hutt **AM** 

(Assembly Minister for Business and Budget)

would not make sense economically or socially. I hope the strength of our evidence will result in this proposal being withdrawn, and the long term delivery of an effective local justice system for the Vale will be safeguarded and sus-



Jane Hutt with Dave Taylor, Chair of the Vale of Glamorgan Magistrates, and Coun Fred Johnson.

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## St Cyres battles a flood to get pupils to school!

ST CYRES Comprehensive side of the block. School in Penarth was forced to close on the opening two days of the autumn term after it suffered a flood.

The headteacher of the school, Dr Jonathan Hicks, praised the Vale Property Services team for their hard work in preparing the premises to wel-come back pupils just days after a teaching and administration block had been drenched from top to bottom.

On Monday, a training day for staff, Dr Hicks was woken by a call at 7am

high up in a block which houses the council's website, www.valeofglamormaths, science and geography depart-gan.gov.uk or by phoning Contact ments, and had cascaded down one OneVale on 01446 700111.

"Seven classrooms and offices have been affected, and there was half an inch of water in the corridors.

Dr Hicks pointed out that the events of early this week illustrated the need for up to date facilities, adding: "We can't keep patching up the building for much longer."

The power and water supplies were

cut off while the council got to work on the building.

The St Cyres site at Dinas Powys was open as normal this week.

A phased reopening was planned for in the morning with the news that the school had flooded.

He explained: "A pipe had burst high up in a block which houses the council's website, www.valeofglamorsthe."

## Sunshine on hunt show day

recently at St Nicholas, and Heather March was there to capture some of the moments on camera.

It was a sunny day and there were competitions for all ages!











## AM's victory for the blue badge holders

VALE MP Alun Cairns claims that he has won the first battle in a war to gain longer blue badge periods for disabled motorists.

Mr Cairns said that he was approached by a constituent complaining that the blue badges only last two years, and that applicants have to fight their

way through considerable bureaucracy.

Mr Cairns wrote to Deputy First Minister Ieuan Wyn Jones, who is in charge of transport at the Welsh Assembly.

He urged Mr Jones to look again at the

procedures involved to see if they could be simplified to make life a bit easier for disabled drivers.

He said: "I have now had a letter back from Ieuan Wyn Jones and I am delighted to say that he has accepted my argu-

that the badges are valid for to five years.

"He is now going out to consultation on this proposal, but has said it will be given pricity." given priority.

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## PACT meetings in the Vale

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GIBBONSDOWN PACT surgery is at Arthur Davis Court, Barry, on Wednesday, September 15

GIBBONSDOWN PACT public meeting will be held at the Communities First Office, Aberaeron Char' me

Close, Barry on Friday, September 17 at 6pm.

DYFAN PACT public meeting is at Barry Comprehensive School on Surgery Services of Services o Tuesday, September 21 at

COURT PACT public meeting will be at Ilminster Scout Hall on Thursday, September 23 at 7.30pm.

that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to lic meeting will be held at attend a meeting, please The Gathering Place on contact your local neigh- Monday, September 20 at bourhood policing team on Barry 01446 731623.

#### **ŘURAL VALE** PENDOYLAN

Community Council 01656 869447 on Meeting will be at Cowbridge 01656 869450. Pendoylan School on DINAS POWYS Thursday, September 9 at

PENLLYN 'Coffee and Chat' meeting will be at the Red Fox Public House on Wednesday, September 15

RHOOSE Surgery will be held at the Thursday, Spar on September 16 at 10am.

WENVOE PACT public

meeting will be at Wenvoe Community Hall on Monday, September 20 at

Monday, September 20 at 7.30pm.

The local neighbourhood policing team can be contacted on Llantwit Major

## AND PENARTH

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# PEOPLE FROM ALL PARTS OF BRITISH ISLES ATTEND THE ST MARY HILL FAIR

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One of the organisers, Stuart Minton, said: "Traders from the Midlands, Northumbria, County Cork and Kent arrived on the Sunday night to join many Welsh dealers.

many Welsh dealers.
"It was a busy day of buying and selling, and poultry changed hands for what dealers said was 'good money'."

'good money'."

He continued: "The organizers of the fair on the common, the Coity Wallia Board of Conservators, reported record crowds and vast numbers of cars.

"They all parked on the common except for a few

"They all parked on the common except for a few that were booked by police for obstructing a road. "The board of conservators supports Multiple

"The board of conservators supports Multiple Sclerosis Research and will be giving a major donation to the funds."

He added: "Last year's fair had to be cancelled because of heavy rain, but hot weather for three days before this year's event made sure that it could go on without interruption."



























## JUNIOR RUGBY STARS ARE PUT THROUGH HEIR PACES AT

LLANTWIT MAJOR Rugby Football Club hosted the Sinclair mini festival on Sunday, September 5, attracting a large number of teams from the Vale and Cardiff.

Teams from Penarth and Dinas Powys took the

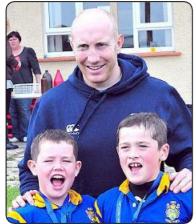
teams from Fenartin and Dinas Powys took ture two major trophies, but Barry just missed out, failing to make the finals on the countback system.

On hand was Blues' and Wales' star Tom Shanklin who signed autographs and helped to hand out the medals and trophies.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHS** by IAN DIXON







































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only is there infection in the mouth – but it can spread to affect the whole body.

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combined approach to

dental care is required. Simply using a chew is

not enough. "Proper prophylaxis

and cleaning, followed by a combined preven-tive approach (ideally

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toys. However as this is often a gradual change, we might think that they have simply lost interest in a particular toy.

Reluctance to eat. It is only at the far extreme of dental disease that dogs will stop eating – although you may notice earlier changes, such as favouring one side of the mouth, or dropping food from the mouth when

eating. Sometimes, dogs might appear to have difficulty in picking up food, or be reluctant to chew on dry food

· Pawing at the mouth. Sometimes oral pain can lead to a dog repeatedly scratching at their mouth – sometimes enough to make their face bleed.

• Pain on examination. A reluctance to allow full examination of the mouth may indicate pain. If a swelling on the side of the face appears to be painful when it is

associated with an underlying tooth root

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There are many other conditions that can produce oral symptoms.

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#### ABOVE: Charlotte Fyfe

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Charlotte Fyfe (22). decided during the first year of an English literature degree course that student life wasn't for her, and following sever-al 'dead-end' jobs began working to gain NVQs in animal care at south Wales training provider

Once qualified, she hopes to join the staff of an animal rescue centre. Charlotte spends three days a week on placement at Barry Veterinary Centre and two days at the ACT Skills Academy in Cardiff.
At the same time, she

is continuing her aca-demic interests with a part-time English literature course through the Open University. Charlotte is now

backing a new Welsh Assembly Government campaign with adult learning body NIACE Dysgu Cymru that encourages people to improve their skills and

employment prospects. Charlotte said: "When I left university I felt totally lost, as it was hard to find anything I was interested in, and ended up working in uninspiring roles. I always wanted to work with animals when I was little and am having a great time on the course. This is the route I want

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#### THE ALL WALES

# PLOUGHING & HEDGING CHAMPIONSHIPS Saturday, 18th September - Boverton Farm, Llantwit Major

## One man reminisces on competitions and asks the question, 'why do we plough?'

LOT of people wonder what these ploughing competitions are all about well for me, ploughing competitions started at a local vintage club match back in the 1990s.

My interest in agricul-ture itself began when I was a young boy spend-ing my school holidays on my uncles' farm in Devon. Those carefree holidays nurtured my interest in tractors, machinery and agricul-ture into my adult years.

Many ploughmen are in some way or another connected to farming or the countryside, and participating in ploughing matches is a way of keeping in touch with the farming community and the countryside.

When I was in my early 20s, I had an interest in stationary engines and joined a local tage machinery club to

take my interest further. After making a few friends at the club, I found quite a few of them had vintage tractors and I thought that getting a vintage tractor it, my uncles had bought a new tractor for the farm, so I purchased their now redundant David Brown 990 implematic. This tractor was the first vehicle that I learnt to drive as a

young boy on the farm.
After owning the tractor for a while, I pur-chased a David Brown three furrow plough to

go with tractor.

My first attempts at ploughing were on my father-in-law's allotments and this really kick-started my passion for it. I decided to give the local vintage ploughing match a go.

My first attempt was interesting to say the least, but with lots of people willing to show me the ropes, I soon picked up the basics.
I soon found out that

for ploughing matches you need equipment that is built for the job. An ordinary plough is fine for a field but for match work, the plough and tractor need to be fit for the purpose, and so over the following 10-15 years, I have been getting my ploughing out-fits as I need them to be.

You can't exactly go and buy a match-ready

#### by JEREMY JACOBS

plough off the shelf; you can, but you do need very deep pockets and most ploughmen tailor their outfits to their own particular style.

I also enjoy the mechanical side of the ploughing by maintaining and modifying the ploughs and tractors to suit my own needs.

Match ploughing is very much a trial and error activity. What works well on one piece of ground may not on another. So over those years, my ploughing was a bit hit and miss, trying different ploughs and getting the tractor right.

I now own three tractors, all David Browns. Most ploughmen will have an affinity with a certain make of tractor, as the usual story is "that is what father had on the farm" and so they stick with what they know.

My uncles always had DBs so that is why I have got them. The 1962, 990 implematic and an earlier 1955, 30D both worked on the farm in Devon and my third tractor is a 1968, 780 selectamatic. This tractor

came from a dairy farm

in Somerset and was originally supplied by Cox & Sons of Somerset.

I bought the tractor

from Eddie Hocking Farm Machinery Services of Penzance. This is the main tractor that I do my ploughing with nowadays, as it is the lightest tractor to

transport.
With ploughing matches, the competitions are grouped into ages of the tractors and ploughs, so you start off with the horse drawn ploughs and then move

into the trailer ploughs.
These are essentially modified horse ploughs with the tractor taking the place of the horse and the plough can only be towed by the tractor.

The tractors and ploughs for this class have to be built prior to 1960, but you usually find that the tractors are anywhere from 1940s up to the 1960s.

The next class is the vintage hydraulic class. Again, this is for tractors and ploughs up to 1960, but the difference in the plough is that the plough is attached to the trac-

(invented by Harry Ferguson, and it first appeared on the Ferguson/Brown trac-tors) and can be lifted out of the ground by the tractor hydaulics.

The next class is the classic. This is for tractors and ploughs between 1960-1976. Basically, this is when the semi-digger type of ploughs came into being.
The next is the semi

digger class or 'World Style'. This is the mod ern competition style of ploughing and usually needs a larger tractor, sometimes a four-wheel drive to pull the plough, and with hydraulically operated linkage on them.

The next class is the reversible class. These ploughs are the two way types that can plough in either direction, and again the ploughs need a larger tractor to pull and operate them, and lots of hydraulics.

Another very spe-cialised class is the 'high cut or oat seed furrow class'. Here, ploughs are modified trailer ploughs that have 'boats and presses' to shape the furrows into peaks, ready for corn to be directly



ABOVE: This year's show president and host, Mr Tony Thomas, the passenger seat at last year's ploughing competition. Behind the wheel is chairman Mr Andrew Studley.

sown into the ground by hand at regularly spaced intervals, without the

need to work the ground down for a corn drill. I plough in the 'clas-sic class'. I like the style of ploughing that is done in that class as modern farming methods with large tractors and machinery can leave the ground in poor condition. The larger board on the plough can still cope adequately well in these conditions and it's an absolute pleasure when the ground conditions

are good! One of the great things about ploughing competitions is that it's a

constant learning curve. and what worked well in one field doesn't in another, so you always have to think about try-ing different adjustments on the plough to produce the best furrow. Should you plough slightly deeper, or wider? Are the skimmers working well? (These are small blades at the front of the

in the bottom of the fur-It's always worth having a look at what your neighbour is doing to check if he's doing anything different to you,

and if that's working

mouldboard that take off

the top trash and bury it

better or not. One of the essential equirements of ploughng matches is having an eve for a straight line. and then being able to keep the plough in that straight line – which is

asier said than done!
At the beginning of a match you need set up your sighting rod from one end of the plot to the other. If you don't get this part right, the rest of the match won't go well either, as it's imperative that the first furrow ss the field is straight as an arrow, as

the whole plot is built around the first furrow.

If you get that bit right, then with practice and experience, a good plot should follow.

I thoroughly enjoy the atmosphere at the matches. You soon build up friendships once you get to know the other ploughmen. Everybody is willing to lend a hand or give advice, and I get a great sense of achieve-ment when I plough a good and tidy plot.

If I manage to pick up

a prize, well that's a bonus on top of an enjoyable day out.

Once you do start to win prizes, there can be a certain rivalry between the top ploughmen, but it is always good natured, with a bit of leg pulling thrown in for good measure!
With a bit of luck,

I've got a good few years of ploughing ahead of me, as there is no age limit to ploughing.

It's great to see the

older generation still active and enjoying themselves on a tractor turning the furrows, and who knows, by the time I get to my senior years, I might be winning a match or two!



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# PLOUGHING & HEDGING CHAMPIONSHIPS Saturday, 18th September - Boverton Farm, Llantwit Major

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rural event is taking place at Boverton Place Farm near Llantwit Major on September 18, when competitors will demonstrate their skills in ploughing, hedge laying and fencing

Ploughing & Hedging Championships September 18. Boverton Place Farm. near Llantwit Major (by kind permission of V J Thomas & Son)

competitions.

There are 10 different ploughing classes, from World Style ploughing to vintage. Two classes are for traditional horsedrawn ploughing and at least seven teams have

entered, including a lady ploughman! Competitors are travelling from as far afield as Cornwall and Cleveland, but there is also a very local competition for mechanical hedgecutting.
The day begins at

9.15am with a procession of competitors to their plots. The ploughing takes place all day and there are plenty of other attractions, too.

From 2pm, there will be main ring entertain-ment – including the Paws 4 Thought dog demonstration team (dogs jumping through fire; recognising and retrieving coloured arti-cles) and flyball agility races where children are invited in to the arena to cheer their chosen team.

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vintage machinery sec-tion with lots of tractors, a working threshing machine demonstration and a working, quartersize, Powell baling machine, driven by a quarter-size traction engine, producing bales about the size of a loaf

The steam ploughing demonstration is attracting great interest – steam ploughing was the big breakthrough towards mechanisation from horse ploughing – and the organisers are delighted to be able to include this.

of bread.

There will also be lots of trade stands, from agricultural machinery to pre-loved jodhpurs, homemade cards and crafts and refreshments. So put the date in

your diary - we look

know more about the

forward to seeing you

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## Feature of the Welsh rural scene for 200 years

LOUGHING and hedge laying competitions have been part of the rural scene of Wales for almost 200

The earliest event was recorded on Anglesey in 1814, where 40 wooden ploughs were drawn by oxen. They remained parish affairs until the late 1940s, when motor transport became available and competitors could travel further afield to test their skills against ploughmen from distant areas.

With this in mind, the idea of an All-Wales ploughing championships was born and in October 1958, the first Welsh national event was held in Walton, Radnorshire, and the first champion ploughman of Wales was a Glamorgan man - Mr Henry Jones of

Since then, a Welsh ploughing championship has been held annually,

travelling to a different county each

After many successful years. After many successful years, enough capital was accumulated to allow Wales to join the World Ploughing Association and every year since 1990, Welsh champion ploughmen and runners up have competed in the World Ploughing Championskips.

the World Ploughing Championships. These have taken place in New Zealand, Australia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic to name a few.

On September 18, these championships return to Glamorganshire to an excellent grassland site at Boverton Place Farm, near Llantwit Major.

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Today, the club appeals not only to young farmers, but young people of all backgrounds, its achievements reflected in its success at Wales

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# Out and About with The GE

Despite Paul Rudd and Steve Carrell's best efforts...

## THIS COMEDY IS CERTAINLY ONE FOR THE CINEMATIC SCHMUCKS!

ascent up the ladder of Hollywood has been a long time coming.

Probably most well known for his recurring role in Friends as Phoebe's boyfriend/husband Mike, Rudd was already developing a big screen career, taking small supporting roles in mainstream films (Romeo and Juliet, Clueless) while landing leads in independent work such as Neil LaBute's The Shape of

Things.
However, it was affiliation with Judd Apatow's comedy jug-gernaut that brought him to wider notice, with Rudd making the leap to leading man in the likes of *Role Models* and *I* Love You, Man. He follows these up

by teaming with Steve Carrell for *Dinner for* Schmucks, based on French comedy Le diner de cons. Rudd plays

Tim, an analyst whose dreams of promotion hinge on him making contact with a Swiss billionaire (David Walliams).

Impressed by Tim's move, his boss (Bruce Greenwood) says his promotion will be sealed at a dinner where guests bring along someone 'unique' whom they can make fun of.

When Tim, literally, runs into Barry (Steve Carrell), his hobby of mouse taxidermy makes him an ideal candidate; but before long, Barry is causing untold chaos in Tim's professional – and personal - life.

Given the comedy talent on show here (as well as the leads there are the likes of Flight of the Conchords' Jemaine Clement, Zach Galifianakis and David Walliams, to name but three), and the fact that it is directed by Jay Roach, the man behind the Meet The Parents and the Austin Powers

films, you would have every right to think that Dinner for Schmucks would be one of the comedy films of the year

Instead, save for a few moments of hilarity, Schmucks is a drawnout, far too nonsensical affair that does little except tarnish the reputations of those involved, and is far from the laugh-a-thon that you

would hope for.
The blame cannot be fully laid at the door of the performers, who are struggling with material that doesn't fully work in the first place, yet some manage to pull it off better than others. Paul Rudd is never less than watchable as a screen presence, yet where his stock has been in everyman roles where he can really create comedy, here he is given a character who is a little bit more cynical and unlikeable, and Rudd doesn't quite nail the character, unsure

whether to play him as

complicit or non-com-

plicit in making fun of

the so-called 'idiots'

That said, he works well when allowed to riff with the co-stars and work his usual charming turn, but the necessities of the script mean that while he works hard he plays a little too much against type and doesn't quite convince.

Steve Carrell, on the other hand, is more or less handed an open-goal with the character of Barry, and one he parlays into probably the best turn on show. A well-meaning individual, though certainly on the offbeat side, Carrell takes great delight in playing up the idiocy of the character and mines laughs from some of the more absurd situations.

Yet, there is a flipside to the character and one which shows Carrell's more serious side, making the character far more than just a mere 'schmuck'. He has form in the 'idiot' department, notably Brick from Anchorman, and while his turn here isn't anywhere near as funny as that one, he

does elevate the film

when on screen. With a mix-match of comedic actors supporting the leads, there are patchy results: Jemaine Clement is, by and large, rather funny as an artist trying to get between Tim and his girlfriend, while Zach Galifianakis adds another oddball to his collection as Barry's nemesis, Therman, a man who can read minds and control people's

actions. However, David Walliams is wasted in an unfunny turn as the Swiss billionaire at the centre of Tim's promo-tion plans, while the likes of Ron Livingston and Kristen Schaal are kept very much in the background, despite the latter showing a superb comedy touch in the few scenes she's afforded.

In the director's chair Jay Roach fails to muster any of the magic that has sprinkled his previous forays, the film feeling visually dull and lacking in any comedic spark. Roach has

shown an innate ability to mine maximum laughs from set-pieces vet there is nothing here that plays to his strengths - though the climax fits the bill, Roach doesn't bring any life to it at all, the sequence feeling flat and

lifeless.

He also fails to really mesh the story together, the pace of the film almost painfully slow. and the near two-hour running time does it absolutely no favours whatsoever, with a good 20 minutes or so far from vital to the film.

However, the film's biggest weakness is a script that tries to be funnier than it actually is, and can't quite decide what tone to take Scriptwriters David Guion and Michael Handelman seem to be unsure whether Tim and his fellow workers should be ashamed of their willingness to mock these people.

The writers' inability to square their attitude to this means you are never quite sure whether Tim's actions are funny or shameful. It also tries too hard to create moments of farce and slapstick that don't quite work out, leaving the actors all of whom are skilled comedians, feeling a little lost at sea, something that leaves

the end product feeling

weak and lacking.

It's a shame, as the talent involved should have meant that Dinner for Schmucks would have been a threecourse, gourmet comedy experience; as it is, it is more like a microwave meal, lacking in any real sustenance and immediately forgettable.

**VERDICT:** A weak effort from all concerned, Dinner for Schmucks is an inauspicious outing for all of those involved. While Steve Carrell offers an enjoyable, off-the-wall turn, the rest of the per-formances struggle to hit

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home, and certainly don't manage to hit the funny bone that often. with a shoddy script only exacerbating matters in what is truly a lacklustre piece of work

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Both new ensembles (CAVMS) is intro-ducing two new a new wind band, will to welcome all students between grades 1 and 4. No audition is required.

More advanced stu-dents are welcome to 'Only Strings Aloud', audition for the many

meet on Wednesday evenings at St Cyres School, Penarth, starting

September 15. The string

orchestra runs from 6pm

7pm, and the wind band from 6.30pm-8.15pm. Fees for the string orchestra are £30 per term, and £40 for the

## wind band per term. FIRST TERM FREE TO NEW STUDENTS

The first concert with a Christmas theme will be held at The Gate Arts Centre, Roath, Cardiff, on Sunday, December

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# Out and About with The G

## THE SYCAMORE TREE IS JOINING THE VALE'S 'PLACES TO EAT' CLUB!

been changes at the Sycamore Tree in Colwinston in recent months and it dates from the arrival of husband and wife team Andy and Angela Jarrett.

When they took over, they were aware that the pub had had some difficult times in recent years, but they felt strongly that Colwinston was the type of community where a well-run operation could thrive.

Now, after a refurbishment, and the arrival of chef Alex Baillie-Scott, things are looking good. As a Brains pub, the tenants have been road testing the Cardiff brewers beers to find the best combination, but they have a completely free hand with the menu.

When Andy and Angela were settling in, she did the cooking. with the accent on traditional home-cooked fare such as steak and ale

pie. Now, they are moving on to the next level, and have coined the phrase "relaxed, but with a twist of fine din

culinary philosophy.

As a result, the GEM dropped in to eat one evening and try some of the specialities of the

Choosing was not easy, and the honey-roasted belly pork with caramelised onion, coriander and citrus juice was very tempt-ing, particularly as crispy crackling was promised!
The pan-fried mack-

erel with chorizo and braised leeks was an intriguing combination

However, an 8oz rump steak, served with escargots in a garlic parsley sauce was the dish that caught my eye in the end, and it proved a good choice, with the steak cooked exactly as ordered, and the sauce full of flavour. The escargots, incidentally, complemented the meat

very well. My companion chose one of the day's spe-cials, chicken stuffed with ham, cheese, and Dijon mustard, with home-made coleslaw and honey-roasted corn on the cob.

Again, the mix of flavours that accompanied the chicken worked really well, making each mouthful one to

taken also with the coleslaw, which had a

real zing to it.

Both meals came with chips or new potatoes, and we both went for the chips - which were hand cut and absolutely great.

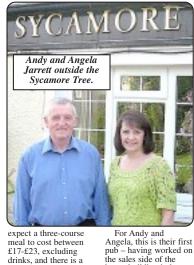
Chips are often a good test of a restaurant, and these passed that test with flying colours.

For dessert, I went for the bread and butter pudding – or rather, the ciabatta baked in Baileys and vanilla cream custard, topped with raisins and an apri-cot preserve. Quite sim-ply, it tasted as good as sounds.
My companion's

choice was a traditional sticky toffee pudding, a favourite of hers, and it did not disappoint. My only regret was

that we forgot to starve ourselves during the day, and therefore decided to pass on the starters. With options such as chicken, mushroom and truffle soup (only £3.50!), or roasted scallop cocktail with soft herbs and boiled egg – and considering the ability of the chef – that was definitely an

Diners at the Sycamore Tree Inn can



expect a three-course meal to cost between £17-£23, excluding drinks, and there is a sensible wine list, with a good mix from various countries, all reasonable priced.

There is also an Italian night, with the meal costing £9.95 including the first drink free, and a curry night at £8.95, also with the first drink free.

There is already a healthy demand for Sunday lunches, where a two-course meal (served between 12pm and 4pm) is just £9.95.

#### by PHILIP IRWIN

day. Inside, it is light, airy but cosy. The chal-lenge for any landlord is how to build on those assets.

The result is that they are putting together a menu that is steadily evolving to meet the needs of their clientele

They have been very pleased with the welcome they have received from the locals, and the signs are that the Vale has gained another fine place to

Amber Fairs Antiques and collectables at

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#### Concert for Barnardo's

A CHARITY concert, featuring songsfrom the musicals, will be held in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, in aid of Cymru, on September 19, at 7.30pm.

The performance will be presented by Beverley Humphreys, and will feature singers, orchestra and chorus, conducted by David Hughes.
Songs from Les Miserables, Chicago, A Chorus

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it is a perfect place to

relax at the end of the

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Baked Brie with mushroom truffle and hazelnut, dressed watercress and chervil salad Cocktail of Prawns, mayonnaise, soft herb and chopped boiled egg

MAINS:

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Roast turkey with chipolatas, home-made sage and onion suffing, red currant jelly and real gravy
Roast Pheasant with bubble and squeak, smoked bacon, sweet Cumberland sauce
Salmon fish cakes with a poached egg, crispy leeks and Dijon and chive sauce
Baked cod with a chorizo crust and home-made smokey baked beans
Roast chicken with parsley breadcrumbs and creamed braised tarragon leeks Rabbit pie with rosemary and creamed butter mashed potato

**PUDDINGS:** 

Lemon syllabub with home-made shortbread biscuits
Eton Mess
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£21.95 - 3 Course - Evening 6.00pm - 9.00pm £14.95 - 2 Course - Lunch 12 noon - 2.30pm



#### Christmas Day Menu available on request.

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## ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR - AND A FIRST ONATION - AT CASTI

THE Vale's Assembly Member Jane Hutt attended the Thompson Street Fun Day which got off to a great start with a display by Barry Air Cadets.

Local residents also enjoyed the bouncy castle, coconut shy and the antics of Paddy the

Jane Hutt said: "The fun day was a great success and it was also good to join local councillors and the Barry Town Mayor, Karl Kuhnell, to welcome the local Drop in Centre's new charitable status with the first donation of £50 announced."

## **PHOTOGRAPHS** by GLYN EVANS

Other pictures are available from this event.

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Thursday, September 9th, 2010









## SKATEBOARDERS AND BMXers THRILL LARGE CROWDS AT CENTRAL PARK

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ON Bank Holiday Saturday, a 'Board and Beats Skate Fest' was held at Central Park in Barry, giving skateboarders and BMXers the opportunity to show off their courage

As Glyn Evans' pictures show, protective headgear is a must for participants!





ABOVE: 'Why is everything looking upside down,' he wondered.





## Recycling bicycles for the community

THE Vale of Glamorgan LLETS is currently looking for bicycles to repair and recycle to give back to the community.

It is a non-profit making scheme, and staff take any children's or adults bikes in any condition, and hope that they will make a difference to peo-

They can also repair and service bikes for the general public with a collection service available. If you have any old or unwanted bikes, don't take them to the skip, call LLETS and they will

If you or your child require a secondhand, inexpensive bike, please call and ask for Jo, on 01446 721974.



## Two rescues for Barry RNLI

THE mostly volunteer crew of the Royal National Royal Lifeboat Institution's Barry Dock Lifeboat were called to more incidents recently.

Last week, the lifeboat was launched to assist a yacht that 'demasted' near the north of Flatholm in the Bristol Channel.

The yacht and three people on board were towed to Barry Harbour.

In another incident that week, on Monday at 3am, the lifeboat was launched to look for a person reported to have gone into the sea off Whitmore Bay. The lifeboat, HM Coastguard and police foot patrols, together with a police helicopter, searched Whitmore Bay and the surrounding coastline. The lifeboat was able to locate the person, who

clearly had been in the water, by using the high-powered searchlight after spotting the person on the rocks at Friars Point. The person was escorted away from the

Valeways Easy Walks JOIN Valeways in Penarth Tuesday September 10.30am for some very easy walking.

These walks are for those who are returning to exercise. All walks will be fully accessible. There will be an opportunity for a coffee afterwards. Meet outside the RNLI Lifeboat Station, Penarth Promenade.

For any further details please contact Valeways on 01446 749000 or visit their website - www.valeways.org.uk.

#### **National Trust** meetings start

HE Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members starts its 2010/2011 season of meetings on September 15, at 7.30pm in the Duke of Wellington, when the speaker, Mr Richard Turner from CADW, will talk about 'Old Beaupre – Llanfair, Cowbridge'.

Membership of the

association is open to paid-up members of the National Trust or National Trust for Scotland, or a spouse/partner of life members, and volun-

"In the spring and summer we organise trips to various National

Trust properties, which are always most enjoy-able. We welcome new members. So, why not come along to our September meeting. We look forward to seeing you!" a spokesman said. Further information, please call 01443 223230.

THE next meeting of Vale Glamorgan Group of Diabetes UK Cymru will be Tuesday, September 21, when the speaker for the evening will be a GP, Dr M Coleman, from Barry.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm and is held in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth.

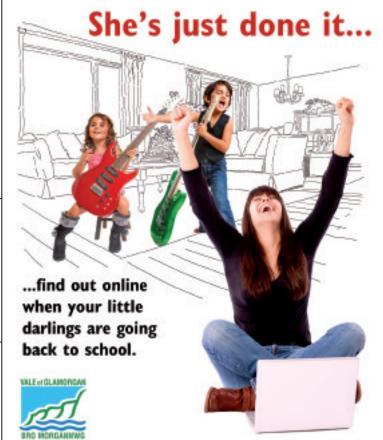




**Imps** CADOXTON Imps look for players squad for this season.



If you are interested in joining the under-11s (year-6) mini foot- team, please either contact under-11s ball team are still looking for coach Arthur Thompson on 07702 new players to add to the 556340, or club secretary Gary Spierling on 07717 357982.



Access council services 24 hours a day, seven days a week www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

## THOUSANDS FLOCK TO THE WATERFRONT FOR A FANTASTIC FUN FAMILY WEEKEND

TALLSHIPS, pirates, a 50 foot inflatable whale, live theatre, a circus tent - these were just some of the attractions at the annual Waterfront Festival on September 4-5.

As you can see GEM photographer Glyn Evans captured the colour and excitement of one of Barry's premier weekends of the year.

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'The Vale's favourite newspaper' announces this year's Grand Annual



## **JUNIOR ANGLI** COMPETITION

**WATERFRONT, BARRY** 

## Sunday, 12th September

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| Thursday, September 9th, 2010                       |          |                                   |  |  |
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| 6   | 3        | Dahlias                           |  |  |
| 3   | 4        | Mixed Foliage                     |  |  |
| 3   | 5        | Mixed Annuals                     |  |  |
| 2   | 6        | PP – Foliage                      |  |  |
| 6   | 7        | PP Flowering                      |  |  |
| 3   | 8        | PP Begonia                        |  |  |
| 8   | 10       | Succulents/Cacti<br>Herbs         |  |  |
| 8   | 11       | Sweet Peas                        |  |  |
| 7   | 12       | Arr. A basket of Fl               |  |  |
| 5   | 13       | Arr. Congratulations              |  |  |
| 3   | 14       | Arr. Fun Time                     |  |  |
| 3   | 15       | Arr. Straight Lines               |  |  |
| 9   | 16       | Arr. Oh So Simple                 |  |  |
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| 6   | 18       | Apples                            |  |  |
| 7   | 19       | Soft Fruits                       |  |  |
| 3   | 20       | Rhubarb                           |  |  |
| 11  | 21       | Runner Beans                      |  |  |
| 3   | 22       | Carrots                           |  |  |
| 6   | 23<br>24 | Tomatoes                          |  |  |
| 9<br>3<br>3   | 25       | Cherry Type Tomatoes<br>Cucumbers |  |  |
| 2   | 26       | Courgettes                        |  |  |
| 4   | 27       | Beetroot                          |  |  |
| 4   | 28       | Onions                            |  |  |
| 3   | 29       | Pasties Cheese/pot                |  |  |
| 10  | 30       | Farmh'seFruit Ĉake                |  |  |
| 13  | 31       | Victoria Sponge                   |  |  |
| 6   | 32       | Apple Tart                        |  |  |
| 5   | 33       | Scones Cheese                     |  |  |
| 1   | 34       | Wholemeal Bread                   |  |  |
| 10  | 35       | Welsh Cakes                       |  |  |
| 2<br>18   | 36       | Sausage Rolls                     |  |  |
| 6   | 37<br>38 | Jar of Jam<br>Jar of Lemon Curd   |  |  |
| 6   | 39       | Jar of Marmalade                  |  |  |
| 3   | 40       | Jar of Chutney                    |  |  |
| 3   | 41       | Wood carving                      |  |  |
| 4   | 42       | Model                             |  |  |
| 6   | 43       | Cross Stitch                      |  |  |
| 4   | 44       | Patchwork                         |  |  |
| 3   | 45       | Painting Kitchen Utensil          |  |  |
| 6   | 46       | Painting Woodland                 |  |  |
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| 13<br>19  | 48<br>49 | Greeting Card<br>Photo – Bridge   |  |  |
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coloured kittens.

Please consider offering Clooney and Churchill a home, they can be homed singly or as a pair.

Please contact Susan Dobbs on

01656 726621 or e-mail bridgend.manager@cats.org.uk



ABOVE: Clooney and Churchill.

#### WRITE IN!

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## Concern asks for volunteer events. drivers

#### AGE CONCERN is looking for volunteers to tackle one of the biggest problems facing elderly people today.

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transport volunteer with the charity for more than a year. "I retired five years ago as an ambulance driver. After a few years, I found that I needed something to fill my time," said Lyndon.

"A friend of mine suggested Age Concern, and as I was used to working with this age group, I contacted them, completed their training course and have been a transport volunteer every since.

"I get enormous satisfaction out of helping people and it gives me an interest in my life. I have done hospital escorts, trips to shops and banks, taking people to events and also taking people to see their family.

'I'm told in advance when and what the need is, and I tell them if I am available, so it fits in around my life."

Lyndon went on to say that being reliable, understanding and a good listener is needed. as well as having a good sense of humour.

For more information, contact Samantha at Age Concern on 01446 747654 for a chat.

## SO NEAR YET



ABOVE: Barry Wanderers.

## **Wanderers** are just pipped for the league title

BARRY Wanderers The partnership ended title.

narrowly missed out when Hill induced an Blundell and Webb, narrowly missed out when Hill induced an on the Division 3

Needing a maximum 26 points to guarantee finishing the season as

champions, the Wanderers fell just short, but it was an excellent performance nonethe-

As has been the case throughout 2010, the Seasiders' bowling was exceptional and they made the most of the damp wicket to put early pressure on Blaina and take vital wickets.

The opening pair of Aled Hughes and John Williams kept things tight, and despite a couple of dropped catches, managed to obliterate the

Blaina top order.

Both Hughes and
Williams took three
wickets apiece and after wickets apiece and after they had both bowled through their allotted 10 when he had him caught overs, Blaina were in big trouble on 55-6.

As he had done in the reverse fixture when his side had been looking but once they had their down the barrel, Davies eyes in they attacked and led a fightback of sorts, runs started to flow. although he lost his However, Sherriff namesake for 0, who was and then Aled Hughe bowled by Neil Blundell.

Lane, however, who batmeant that the Wanderers man of the match was ted aggressively and had to get to 125 with the John Williams for his 3-together they put on 51 loss of a maximum of 21 from 10 overs.

AF

inside edge off Davies and he was caught by

Rowson at long-off from the bowling of Hassett for 4, it was down to Hill to take the final wicket of Lane, who was outfoxed by a clever slower ball and was hit in front of the stumps to be given out LBW for 28.

Blaina finished on 121 from 37 overs and it had been a good toss to win for Jamie Keir, who had put his opponents in to bat on a damp wicket.

Gareth Lanagan made batting look easy once the Wanderers began their reply, hitting a num-ber of sumptuous shots to quickly get the Wanderers on the front foot

After scoring a big ton up at Blaina in June, the visitors were keen to get Lanagan early and after at square-leg for 19.

Watts then heaped the pressure on Sherriff and new batman Pete Webb.

owled by Neil Blundell. fell in quick succession preparing the teas.

He found an ally in and the wicket of Hughes

The BWCC SofaSofa

who finished on a gutsy they entertained Blaina at Hayes Point.

Needling

28 when The tail didn't hang where they could get to a position where they could get to around for long and 121 before going for that when Sherriff caught championship-climbin-long.

However, it wasn't to be when the ball went through the 'keeper Crandon, who was standing up to the stumps, and ran away for four byes.

The game was won with the Wanderers on 122-3, though the 25-point victory proved to not be enough.

Blaengarw Pontllanfraith, claiming 26 points in the process, and although the Wanderers and the men from the Valleys were tied on 297 points with the same average, a superior batting points total secured Blaengarw the

This shouldn't overshadow what a fantastic season it has been for the First XI and the celebrations for a well-earned promotion went long into the night.

Many thanks from skipper Jamie Keir go to scorer Andy Furnham and Gerry Richards, Jane Richards Richards and Daughton, who have However, Sherriff (26) been a massive help and then Aled Hughes (9) throughout the season

#### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL **GORCHYMYN CYNGOR**

#### (BARRY AND PENARTH) DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES AND **REVOCATION ORDER (No2) 2010**

- On the 6th September 2010 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 45, 46 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:
- 2 The Order will come into operation on 13th September 2010, or on the date the necessary signs are in place, whichever is the later.
- 3. A copy of the Order and a plan showing the affected area may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.
- 4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that may instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 13th September 2010 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

#### **SCHEDULE**

Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Place

#### Newlands Street, Barry

On its north east side from a point 74 metres south east of its junction with Woodlands Road, for a distance of 6.6 metres south east.

#### The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be

The County Council of South Glamorgan (Newlands Street, Barry) (Disabled Persons Parking Places) Order

Dated this 9th day of September 2010.

M. Punter Head of Visible Services Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe CF5 6AA

## **BRO MORGANNWG**

#### (Y BARRI A PHENARTH) (MANNAU PARCIO AR GYFER POBL ANABL) (DIRYMU) (2) 2010

- 1. Ar 6 Medi 2010, yr oedd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adrannau 45, 46 a 53 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddiwygiedig) a phob p\_er galluogi arall, wedi gwneud Gorchymyn i'r dibenion cyffredinol sydd wedi'u nodi
- 2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 13 Medi 2010, neu os bydd yn rhaid aros nes y bydd yr arwyddion angenrheidiol wedi'u gosod, ar y dyddiad hwnnw.
- 3. Cewch weld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynllun sy'n dangos yr ardaloedd dan sylw yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau arferol swyddfa.
- 4. Os hoffech ddadlau'n erbyn dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'i ddarpariaethau am na chredwch fod gan y ddeddf uchod b\_er i'w gweithredu, neu am y tybiwch eu bod yn methu â chydymffurfio â gofynion y ddeddf uchod neu un o'i hofferynnau, bydd gennych chwe wythnos o 13 Medi 2010 i wneud cais i'r Uchel Lvs i'r diben hwnnw.

#### **ATODLEN**

Cynigiwyd darparu mannau parcio ar gyfer pobl anabl yn:

Ar ei hochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol o fan sy'n 74 medr i'r de-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â Woodlands Road am 6.6 medr i gyfeiriad y de-ddwyrain.

#### Caiff y Gorchymyn Rheoli Traffig canlynol ei ddirymu:

Gorchymyn Cyngor Sir De Morgannwg (Newlands Street, y Barri) (Mannau Parcio ar gyfer Pobl Anabl) 1990.

Dvddiedia 9 Medi 2010

M. Punter.

Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenfô, CF5 6AA.

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

#### (CHURCHILL TERRACE, BARRY) **DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE ORDER 2010**

- 1. On the 3rd September 2010 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 45, 46 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:
- 2 The Order will come into operation on 13th September 2010, or on the date the necessary signs are in place, whichever is the later.
- 3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.
- 4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 13th September 2010 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

#### **SCHEDULE**

Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Place

#### Churchill Terrace, Barry

On its north west side from a point 8 metres south west of its junction with Cardiff Road, for a distance of 6.6 metres

Dated this 9th day of September 2010.

Head of Visible Services Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe CF5 6AA

#### GORCHYMYN CYNGOR **BRO MORGANNWG 2010**

#### (CHURCHILL TERRACE, Y BARRI) (MAN PARCIO AR GYFER POBL ANABL)

- 1. Ar 3 Medi 2010, yr oedd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adrannau 45, 46 a 53 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddiwygiedig) a phob p\_er galluogi arall, wedi gwneud Gorchymyn i'r dibenion cyffredinol a nodwyd
- 2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 13 Medi 2010, neu os bydd yn rhaid aros nes y bydd yr arwyddion angenrheidiol wedi'u gosod, ar y dyddiad hwnnw.
- 3. Cewch weld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynlluniau sy'n dangos yr ardaloedd dan sylw yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.
- Os hoffech ddadlau'n erbyn dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'i ddarpariaethau am na chredwch fod gan y ddeddf uchod b\_er i'w gweithredu, neu am y tybiwch eu bod yn methu â chydymffurfio â gofynion y ddeddf uchod neu un o'i hofferynnau, bydd gennych chwe wythnos o 13 Medi 2010 i wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwnnw.

#### **ATODLEN**

Cynigiwyd darparu man parcio ar gyfer pobl anabl yn:

#### Churchill Terrace, y Barri

Ar ochr ogledd-orllewinol yr heol o fan sy'n 8 medr i'r de-orllewin o'r gyffordd â Cardiff Road, am 6.6 medr i gyfeiriad v de-orllewin

Dyddiedig 9 Medi 2010

M. Punter Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenfô, CF5 6AA.

## **Weatherman supports** the Macmillan nurses

**BBC** Wales weatherman Derek Brockway is urging everyone to put a smile on their mug by taking part in Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday, September 24.

A coffee morning can be held at A corree morning can be neid at work, home, school or in your local community. Have a get together with friends, a garden party with neighbours, or a pub quiz with colleagues whatever suits you!

Derek said: "I'm pleased to support Macmillan nurses who do such fantastic work"

tic work.

Register www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee or call 0845 0742606



ABOVE: BBC Wales' Derek Brockway.

LEFT:

young players get set to receive their medals after the games.

#### BRYNHILL GOLF CLUB NEWS

## Champagne start at club's golf day



ABOVE:

Linda Hewlett and Robbie Lee.

John Giles.

Graham

takes

seniors

open!

THE Seniors Summer Open was

From a good turn-out in excess of 80 play-

ly sunny day.

held at Brynhill Golf Club on a love-

ers, the competition was won by Graham travel to Buenos Aires in October, each in a

'Welsh Aussie'

STARTING with a glass of champagne at 7am, Brynhill Golf Club held a special day of golf on August 28.

Following a full Welsh breakfast, a shotgun start took place, with players starting from different holes at the same time. With good weather and 40 pairs taking part, the annual 'Champagne Breakfast' competition took place.

The winning men's pair was John Giles and Anthony Vandervolk, followed home by Simmon Pringle and Jeff Wilcox.

The Ladies winners were Linda Lloyd and Chris Hopkins who edged out Robbie Lee and Linda



Jeff Wilcox and Simon Pringle.



Winners Linda Lloyd and Chris Hopkins.

#### CADOXTON LADIES **BOWLING NEWS**

## Season's over, so let the fun begin!

THE league games are now completed, allowing the ladies to have a few fun games.

One of the games played was the mixed pairs. Sixteen pairs pairs. Sixteen pairs entered the competition. The game was played on a round robin basis, playing three rounds of seven It was a fun afternoon not taken too seriously, and the weather was perfect.

The winners were Margaret Curram

skipped by Davies. Margaret is a new bowler in her first year - what a good start to her bowling career.

Second was Jean Tuck with her partner Les Cundliffe, and third was N Clissett and David Tuck.

The most coveted prize, a toilet seat, was won by M Conibear and Ron Doble. The prize was accepted with great hilarity.

passport, it wasn't a prob-Andrew is hoping to rules, it was quite fun."

playing in the UK was a bit different to Australia

so I wanted to give it a go. As I have a Welsh

is shining for the Scorpions SOUTH Wales make the full 13-man Scorpions' half-back Wales side next month. Andrew Gay has com- They start off with a pleted a successful friendly in Wrexham first season in Wales against Italy, but Gay by being named in the especially hopes to make Co-operative the side for the Alitalia Championship One European Cup game team of the month for against Ireland at his home ground, The Gnoll,

numbers at the first festi-

ly become a firm fixture

A new five-a-side senior

TWO young Vale golfers are off to

Argentina to repre

sent the men's and

onships. Gemma Bradbury

ladies senior teams in

(Cottrell Park) and Rhys Pugh (Vale of

August.
Gay originates from New South Wales in Australia but his father is a day last Sunday when for the nlayed for the from Splott in Cardiff, be played for the making him eligible to Scorpions in a rugby play for Wales. He moved over from Australia at the start of the year in order to play for the Scorpions.

He said: "I wanted to experience playing rugby league in Wales. Everyone told me that playing in the UK was a bit different to Australia played four games and to be to the start of the star from Splott in Cardiff, he played for

had no idea what was going on for the first two! However once I started learning a few of the

Golfers are off

to Argentina

team of three Rhys will compete in the Eisenhower Trophy, and Gemma in the Espirito Santo Trophy. Pugh (17) has just

returned after captaining the Great Britain and Ireland team against the continent of Europe in the Jacques Leglise Trophy, during a sum-mer when his most notable achievement was following in the footsteps of the likes of Lee Westwood and Justin Rose by winning the Peter McEvoy

Trophy.

His team mates will be Oliver Farr (Ludlow) and Rhys Enoch (Truro).

Gemma Bradbury will be joined by Amy Boulden (Llandudno, Maesdu), and Holyhead's Tara Davies in the Espirito Santo team. The trio all played for Wales in the Home International team that has won each of the last two years.

Gemma is studying at St Andrews, and won the Scottish Universities title by 16 shots earlier in the year.

Ladies captain Sue Turner said: "Amy, Gemma and Tara have all experienced what it is like to win at the ladies' Home Internationals and I am sure all three will be looking to improve on Wales' previous results in the World

Championships and will

be striving for a top

Monday saw the war competition involves second festival and ing the under-8 teams, immediately following fete, held by Dinas the presentation of their Powys Football medals. The burger stand Club at Bryn y Don. did very well,
The sunshine helped many other stalls
Thanks to all as did

Holiday completed with a tug of

Thanks to all the jun-ior and senior sides and bring out another large crowd, exceeding the their managers who took part, and also thanks to, val last year. It has quickin particular, Jan and Dave Cunningham, Dave and Sue Jose, Vince for many people in the Driscoll, DPFC support-ers club, Jane Hutt, Chris Nearly 40 teams from under-8 to under-12 girls Franks and everybody represented local clubs. port was much appreciat men's competition also went well, with six sides

More photos are on the club's website.



## Barry Seconds keep up the momentum

WITH a strong preseason behind them, Barry 2nd XV came to this game looking to carry forward their momentum into the league seawith son, Joseph's being their opponents.

Dinas warm up for the new season with a football festival

Barry recalled the experienced trio of Grantley Harris, Jon Dimond and Hywel Graham, and they brought precision in the back play which carved the visitors open early

The home side's forward drive was only halt-ed by the scrums going passive – as St. Josephs were unable to field a front row – last ditch tackling and unlucky bounces of the ball.

However, with Ashley Adams and Luke Bounds providing dazzling pace on the wings, a score was

first try of the afternoon.

over the conversion some territory after that after continued pressure score but were unable to on the Barry line. break down a resolute home defence, mar-shalled superbly by Kyle Case and energised by the ruthless tackling of Cieran Thomas.

Tom Haigh provided a Dimond was also aggres- pitch.

Dimond was also aggressive behind his pack. It was not to be, howSome great ball hanever, as the move broke
dling skills deep into the
St Josephs twenty-two Lee did, however, their confidence that they did not opt for the kick-

ing option.
Instead, the quick-tap

Barry 2nd XV St. Joseph's 2nd XV which released Bounds score, though Lee was to race through for the unable to add the extras.

rst try of the afternoon. The visitors could Adam Lee stroked have folded, but were er the conversion. justly rewarded with a St. Josephs did gain fine try of their own,

At half time, the score

was 12-7.
The home side freshened things up at half time, bringing on veteran Glen Morgan in the front row, and he could have ball-carrying outlet under scored almost instantly pressure and former after Harris and Bounds Maltese international had run the length of the

gave Barry a penalty extend the lead by kick-opportunity, but such was ing a penalty after an

away infringement.

Barry then turned the screw, Bounds continuing to cause problems to on the wings, a score was always on the cards, and it was Harris' long pass penalty was given to the away defence with his electric pace, and after Barry had camped in the opposition's twen-ty-two for an eternity, Case received the ball out wide and powered through to score

Lee converted from a difficult angle.

The away side tried to rally late on but by now the game was beyond them, and it was Barry who finished strongly to win the game 22-7

Team: Lee; Bounds, Harris, D. Williams, Adams; Dimond (c), Graham; Houldey, Turnbull, Tobin, Haigh: Thomas,

Williams, Lakin, Morgan, Forrester, Dutton.

Man-of-the-match:

## Tim's Sunday racing double

ABERTHIN'S Tim from the Evan Williams Vaughan landed a trained Blacktoft. double on Sunday with Architrave and Holloko Heights.

The former, who went off an odds-on favourite, was ridden by Richard Johnson and won the Juvenile Hurdle at Fontwell, beating 40–1 chance *Optimistic Duke* by 10 lengths.

oy 10 lengths.

The latter, partnered winner when he won at by Tom Scudamore, son of former champion lockey Peter Scudamore, took the Coral TV Novice Chase at Bushwacker. Worcester by six lengths

Williams, who saddled 4-1 shot Moon Melody to win the feature handicap chase at Fontwell, was denied a double when his Postmaster was beaten a neck by Mad Jack Duncan in the handicap chase at Worcester. Ogmore's Christian

Williams had a welcome at Bushwacker.

BRIAN LEE

Case, Rolfe. Subs used: Taylor, J.

## Two wins out of two as...

## Saints continue their impressive start to season

THE Saints made it two wins out of two with a hard fought win over a physical Ynysmaerdy side with a Jordan Mortimore hattrick sealing the points for Saints.

Saints started slowly and were stunned by Ynysmaerdy when the visitors took a shock lead in the first minute.
Saints needed that

wake-up call and were on level terms moments later when Leigh Lewis found Jordan Mortimore, and he drilled the ball low across the 'keeper into the net to level the

Saints started to find their stride and started to play, with Lewis finding Nick Dyke but he curled an effort wide of the far

Saints took the lead when Leigh Lewis' perfect crossfield ball found Mortimore, who centred for Dean Cleave to tap the ball home at the far post and score his first goal for the Saints.

Ynysmaerdy started to

get more physical but the Saints matched them in department, although they were get-ting too involved in that side of things and not playing their own brand of football.

Ynysmaerdy had a golden chance to level from the spot, but thankfully for the Saints, the Morgan resulting penalty was brought blazed way over the bar.

SUNDAY SAINTS YNYSMAERDY

well as Ynysmaerdy kept Mortimore made no a mistake from the spot coming in search of leveller, but were finally and fired the ball home breached when a corner to put the Saints in front was headed back across with his second of the the box and found its game.

way into the net.
The Saints got it The Saints wrapped up the points late on as together in the second Lewis' tantalising hanghalf and created the beting cross saw Mortimore ter chances in the early rise to head home his hat part of the half.

The back four of trick. Rece Lewis, Cox, The Saints won their Morgans and West held second game of the seafirm at the other end as son to continue their 100 Ynysmaerdy tried to hit the home side on the break but to no avail, as the break four kept them the home side on the break but to no avail, as tough opposition.

The Saints play the home as a per cent start atter two hard fought wins against tough opposition.

The Saints play the home as a per cent start atter two per c

Bridgend Pumas away at Covchurch on Sunday.

Cleave had a great chance well saved after a Man of the match after fine free kick from Mortimore found him at a fine hat trick and an assist was Jordan the far post, while Leigh Lewis had a free kick

thanks to Many Lafarge Cement (Aberthaw Works) and The Kinsale Stone Company (Wales) Ltd simple stops from long Company (Wales) Ltd range but came to the for sponsorship of the home side's rescue when team, and to Roy and Cyndy at the Four Bells. a sinor back pass put the Cyling at the Poul Beiling. Ynysmaerdy striker in, St Athan for their continbut Richards made a good stop to smother the ball.

Richards R Lewis N

Saints FC: G Richards, R Lewis, N James Austin came on Cox (captain), G Morgans, R West, T as a substitute, then opened up the away defence and shot wide as Morgans, R West, T Roberts (J Austin on 59), M Pickering, D Cleave, Saints pushed on for a L Lewis, J Mortimore, N

Fellow sub Phil Dyke (P Morgan on 75).

Morgan was then Subs: J Austin, P brought down by a Morgan, W Marsh, R defender and the substitution of th defender and it was Collings, A Lawson.

Front: Gwyn Jones, Sean Wilson, Roger Davage, Hugh Williams, Terry Punter, Steve Hopkins.
Back: Mike Edwards, Phil Rees, Kieran Wilding, John W. G.

Morgan.
Other players over the season have been: Liam Burke, Mike Wilding, Simon Hampson, Mike Clark, John Reed, Andy McIntyre, David Evans, Wil Morgan, Stan Morris, Gary Bohun, Russel Brookes and Barry Hawkins.

## St Athan make it to golf's big league

and with the last the north. Having lost away to season, the St Athan Wayfarers team in the penultimate match, won their division and move forward to the premier division next year.

Wayfarers golf consists of a team of 10 players playing in pairs, and with a club handicap between 10 and 18. There is no handicap allowance when playing matches and the bigger clubs will have most of their players around 10 handicap.

Teams compete in leagues of seven clubs, and extend from Pyle and

LIFE begins at

50.' It may sound

cliché, but in ath-

letics terms at least,

it certainly sums up

Barry, who reached

Despite not having

set foot on an athletics

track since 2006, Scott received a surprise call-

metres in an inter-area competition at Solihull

He finished an encour-

up for the Welsh Masters over 3,000

on August 8.

something of a

Scott Howell of

that milestone in

Scott's career

peaks at 50!

St Athan had to restore the balance in the home match against the same team in order to oust Morlais Castle from top spot.

It went down to the wire, with the last pair gaining the vital half to win by 4.5-0.5.

Morlais Castle and Dinas Powys could win their final fixtures 5-0 to equal St Athan's points, but their inferior away points gives the Saints

The following week, he struck gold in the

metres at Leckwith with

However, the most

impressive performance

of all came in the

marathon champi-

British Masters half

onships at Burnham

ry is always a most

Beeches on August 22.
The M50 age catego-

competitive one, and a

warmish morning on an

undulating course made for a tough test of both

endurance and tactical

At the nine mile

mark, Scott lay fourth in his category but was

making up ground on the potential medallists

With a mile to go he

in front.

a finely-judged tactical run in 4 minutes 56.6

seconds.

Welsh Masters 1,500

## THE golf season is Celtic Manor in the east likely to be competing in the order and with the last the north. Having lost away to Glamorgan; Rhondda or Morthyr Tvdfil; Pyle and Merthyr Tydfil; Pyle and Kenfig; Pontypridd; St

#### St Athan Wayfarers results

Cottrell Park;

Saints Trophy v St Iellons – lost 5-0; Mellons Mellons – lost 5-0; Wayfarers Cup v Celtic Manor – lost 4-1.

Manor – lost 4-1.
League results: Grove
(H) won 4-1; Morlais
Castle (A) won 3-2;
Morlais Castle (H) won
3-2; dinas Powys (A) lost
3.5-1.5; Grove (A) drew
2.5-2.5; St Andrews
Major (A) lost 3-2; St Andrews (H) won 4-1; St Mary Hill (H) won 5-0; St Mary Hill (A) won 4-1; Tredegar Park (A) lost 5-0; Tredegar Park (H) won 4.5-0.5; Dinas Powys (H) won 3-2.

Played 12, won 8, lost 3, drew 1. Points for 3.5 against 23.5.

## James is king of beach sprint!

JAMES Edwards, a member of Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Club has been selected for both the Welsh and British Surf Lifesaving Teams.

Earlier this year, James competed in Australia with the Welsh team in beach sprinting; he won the Central Coast Branch Series, was sixth in the New South Wales competition and reached the top 20 in the Australian Nationals (beating more than 220 competitors).

Over the current year, James is unbeaten in the UK, taking seven golds at Welsh and British ranking events. James will be one of a 12-person team representing Britain at Rescue 2010 – the Surf Lifesaving World Championships, year hosted Egypt.

After that he will continue his training in used to be owned by preparation for the Cardiff bookmaker Australian competitions David Lovell and next spring.

## Am I Blue? Not when winning so comfortably!

#### ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee



Am I Blue is pictured at Bridgend Designer Outlet, sponsors of Ladies' Day at Chepstow Racecourse last May.

HARDLY a week goes by without a trainer from **Bridgend county** borough or the Vale saddling a winner or two, and last week was no exception.

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan landed a dou-ble at Huntingdon with Carrick Oscar and Walamo, Kenfig Hill's John Flint won with Mr Money Maker at Bath and Kenfig Hill permit holder Delyth Thomas made headlines in most of the national and sporting press when her Am I Blue landed a huge gamble at Hereford Races.

Carrick Oscar, partnered by R J Killoran, won by a length from the Evan Williams trained William Butler and *Walamo*, well ridden by Llanharan's Tom David. scored by twoand-a-quarter lengths from the favourite Rocketeer.

Mr Money Maker, under Russ Kennemore, won by a length from *Petomic* at odds of 8–1.

However, it was Am I Blue's runaway win at Hereford that had racegoers all over the country talking, as the fouryear-old filly, who was down to be ridden by Cowbridge's Deano Coleman – but who was replaced by leading jockey Richard Johnson and who had some woeful' form, caused one of the biggest racing shocks in years.

Backed from 33–1 to 5-1, Am I Blue, who used to be owned by Cardiff bookmaker trained by Tim Vaughan, passed the winning post an unchallenged 19-length winner after leading throughout and according to her ownertrainer, "jumping like a

stag."
Having been beaten 88 lengths when finishing last in her previous race, it was little wonder that the stewards, who incidentally accepted Mrs Thomas's explana tion, had her up before

Mrs Thomas told me: "Am I Blue had a bad shoulder and back problems but we sorted them out with the help of Anabel Thomas, a local woman who is something of a miracle worker with horses.'

As for the massive gamble on the horse, she told me she only had £10 each way on the tote and has no idea how it came to be wagered on so heavily

Bookmakers claim to have lost a six figure sum and the British Horse Racing Authority is to investigate, "...as it is vital for the integrity of the sport that all the facts are established" said a spokesman. Mrs Thomas may

have trained only one or two winners under rules, but she is one of the country's leading trainers as far as Arabian horse racing is con-cerned. In the 15 or so years she has been involved in the sport, she has saddled more than 100 winners and only recently won the season's top race with 16–1 shot *Jamahir*.

You can email your views/news to Brian Lee at the address leebriphone him on 02920736438

## A very close encounter between Dinas and Ely

well tipped over by the away 'keeper.

Richards had to make

a short back pass put the

Up at the other end,

THIS was a fiercely competitive game between two sides who dropped down from division one last season, with each having spells of pressure.

Dinas started the game well, with Rangers 'keeper Ian Davies doing well to parry a Ricki Morgan shot, and Mark Dunford unable to make the most of the rebound.

In the ninth minute, an excellent left wing cross from Ollie Dalton found Ricki Morgan in space, and he made no mistake to give the visitors the lead. Dinas continued to have the better

of the game.

At the other end,

Robert Greatrex should have done better than to head over the bar when well placed.

In the 20th minute, Rangers equalised but it was poor play by the Dinas defence when

#### Welsh League Division Two ELY RANGERS DINAS POWYS

they failed to clear a throw that gave Gareth Fundalski the chance to score from just eight

looked as though they would take the lead a few minutes later when Richard Greaves had a good run on goal, but Danny Street's pressure forced him to shoot wide. Before half-time, Geza Hajgato had a free kick saved by Davis in

the Rangers goal. At the start of the second half, Ollie Dalton and Ricki Morgan did well on the left before delivering an inviting cross, but no Dinas play-er could get on the end and yet another good cross from Dalton was deflected to Geza Hajgato but his shot was wide of goal.

When Dinas did put pressure on the Rangers midfield.

Haywood found Mark Dunford and his cross forced a defender to concede a corner, headed over the crossbar by Mike Brooks.

Five minutes from time, Rangers' Gareth Fundalski saw red for a second booking.

Just before full time, Rangers must have thought they had won the game when a fiercely-struck 25-yard free kick from Luke Trezise was heading just inside the post, but a diving Dave Burnett got a hand to the ball to push it round the post.

This was a good point at near neighbours Elv Rangers, with both sides battling hard to regain their Division One status at the first attempt.

## aging third in the excel-lent time of 10 minutes Netball season

BARRY Club will be starting new season Monday, September 13, at the Colcot

Times as follows: 5pm-6pm – Dragons – Ages 8-11 years; 6pm-7pm – Juniors – Ages 11years; 7pm-8pm -

We look forward to reeing all our existing

begins

the training sessions on Sports Hall.

to see what we do.

was still only third, but a supreme effort on the run in saw him take gold by just 13 seconds in 1 hour 21 minutes exactly.

The first five runners were covered by just 57 seconds. It was certainly the finest race of Scott's

members and extend an invitation to any new members to come along for more information and career to date.

MICK McGEOCH

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sports reports and other items. Please send them to the Editorial Department at: ggem@internettoday co uk

## WATCH OUT FOR THE BLUES THIS YEAR!' SAYS THE COACH DAI YOUNG

A RECORD attendance at Llantwit Major Supper Club welcomed Blues' coach Dai Young and several coaches and players from the region who impressed with their style of play as they won the Amlin Challenge Cup in

France last season.

By the end of the evening, there were many willing to place a wager on Cardiff Blues lifting the Magners League and Heineken

Cup this campaign!
Many were also present to show appreciation, support and gratitude to unofficial supper club chairman David East, who is leaving the Vale. This was the 28th gathering and David was in brilliant form as he con-trolled proceedings with the passion, humour and modesty that has become his trademark.

Following a scrump-tious sausage and mash dinner provided and served by the Fourth Horseshoe Caterers, David began with the

DINAS POWYS

delayed, this was

members

unavailable.

customary introduction of guests. The sponsors for the evening were RWE npower and this was the first visit for new station manager, Phil Allen, who succeeded Clive Smith at Aberthaw in December last year. A Yorkshireman keen

on sport, he joined the power generation industry as an ECH craft apprentice in 1980 and worked in a number of power stations at home and abroad before com-

ing to Wales.

Dennis Gethin, the president of the WRU, is a welcome regular who always makes time to support the grass roots, and group chief execu-tive Roger Lewis was making his third visit. He too is held in high regard for the wonderful work he has done to put Welsh rugby on a sound financial footing while still funding the game at all levels.

Maintaining the links between MoD St Athan and the community, cemented by

Dinas are

pipped away

in the cup

Welsh Cup Qualifying Round 2
NEWCASTLE EMLYN 2

were

Commodore King at the last supper club, the base was represented by Colonel Geoff Wright, the Chief of Staff.

Colonel Wright was commissioned in 1980 and he rose steadily through the ranks, becoming Major in 1992, soon followed by a masters degree in 'guided weapons systems engineering tours'. He joined the Defence College Implementation Team at St Athan in April this year and he is often seen supporting community events.

The supper club aims to recognise local heroes and Llantwit Major sculptor Roger Andrews was welcomed to the top table. Roger created the wonderful statue of Sir Tasker Watkins for the Welsh Rugby Union – an extraordinary man captured in an incredibly lifelike statue, a copy of which now holds pride of place in the Llantwit Major RFC lounge.
Roger is now working

on a tribute to the leg-endary Fred Keenor.

David also warmly welcomed Howard Jones, almost an everpresent. The tireless secretary of Glamorgan County RFC, affectionately known as Mr Silver Ball for his involvement in the prestigious cup competition, Howard makes no secret of how much he enjoys

supper club evenings.
Next to be unveiled were the Blues contingent of guests. Firstly, Gwilym Griffiths, the media man who helped make it possible for the coaches and players to

Xavier Rush is recognised as one of the finest ball carriers in the modern game and is a firm favourite with the Blues supporters, who chose him as supporters' club 'player of the year'.

The Blues are delighted to retain the services of the New Zealand owerhouse whose aggressive power play, attitude, commitment and superb leadership qualities set a great example to others both on and off the field.

Dafydd Hewitt joined Cardiff from Llantwit Major RFC at the start of the 2004/05 season and immediately made a big impression as a skil-ful and creative midfield

player. In 2008, he made his Blues' debut and he was a member of the Wales World Cup winning 7s squad. Having secured a Blues' contract, he is hotly tipped to become involved in the Welsh

et-up this seaso LLANTWIT BOY John Yapp is another Llantwit product who

burst onto the Cardiff club scene as an 18-year-old. He earned his first cap for Wales in February 2005 in the Six Nations win over ther honours this season. Justin Burnell was an

by David Griffiths



ABOVE: Llantwit Major 'old boy' John Yapp.

abrasive back rower in his playing days when he represented Pontypridd, Cardiff and Bridgend. In 2003/04, he

became director of rugby for the Blues' regional academy, before moving on to become forwards coach with the Blues. He has helped improve links between feeder clubs and the regional sides and gained success on the international scene when he led Welsh schools/under-19s to a unique double over their Australian counterparts.

Dai Young is not a ranter and a raver as a coach. He carefully bal-ances the carrot and the stick to get the best out of his players. He has made the transition from player to coach due to the amount of respect the players have for him. Dai says coaching is the easy bit, man management is far more diffi-

cult.
At Cardiff, he has set out a code of conduct that is all about putting the team ahead of your-self. With 51 caps – the self. With 51 caps – the most capped Welsh prop until Adam Jones broke the record last season –
Dai is the only player to
tour with the Lions in three different decades.

Rugby means a lot to Dai. Ever since he was a kid, rugby has been his life. It is the only thing he wanted to do, follow ing in his dad and uncle's footsteps. His sons are also keen rugby players.

These days there appears to be a missing appears to be a missing generation of props in rugby, as clubs at grass roots level struggle to field front rows. Any youngster would do well to reflect on what Dai Young has achieved, and in the Welsh squad at the moment we have the orld No 1, Gethin Jenkins.

Born in Aberdare, he became a world renowned tight head prop, making his Welsh debut as a 19-year-old debut as a 19-year-old against England at Brisbane in the 1987 World Cup. After diffi-cult years where Cardiff were called serial underachievers, Dai took the pressure on those power-ful shoulders and now, particularly after the fantastic Amlin Challenge Cup win, he is finally winning the plaudits of

his critics - though several English clubs have expressed interest in his services! Cardiff won with a style that could serve as a role model for most rugby clubs – based on simplicity

Rather than make a speech, Dai opted to take questions from the floor and what followed was one of the longest grillings given to any guest at supper club, but no matter how awkward, pointed, poignant or flippant the question, Dai's response was impressive, thoughtful, analytical, diplomatic and sensible, mixed, of course, with humour and a hint of sarcasm on occasions. CHANGES

The first question was what did Dai think are the major changes in today's game compared to when he was play-

ing?" Dai's response was that the game at the top level had changed almost out of recognition in just eight years. He was amazed at the changes in the game at the sharp end, in terms of fitness levels, size and strength of the players and the incredibly intense scrutiny they are put under by analysts

and critics.

There is also a huge increase in the number of people involved with the squad, apart from the rugby coaches – for-wards, backs, attack, defence – you have kicking coaches, fitness and conditioning coaches, dieticians, analysts,

and physios.

Dai was asked how much support do the top clubs give players for life after rugby? Dai said he and others readily recognise the need for guidance on this subject and a lot is now being done. Being a father of rugby-playing sons he can particularly relate to

is query.
On the subject of players changing clubs and an apparent lack of loyalty, Dai said there is a pyramid of develop-ment from grass roots upwards but players should only move to

improve.
For example, Llantwit is a feeder club for the Blues and has a strong contingent in Bridgend and Glamorgan Wanderers of former youth and senior players, forget where their roots are, that is a positive

step.
When questioned about his path as a coach, with tough early years often leading to calls for his head, Dai gave a very forthright answer. He said it has never been about me. It is a team effort when you win, but when you lose it is the coach's fault!

As regards selection, Dai pointed out that it is sometimes necessary to prioritise games or rest star players and that he realised that a slow start ast season cost the Blues in the leagu

#### FOREIGN STARS

Again on foreign players, the question was asked, what have they got that Welsh players lack? Xavier Rush interjected here to point out that he feels New Zealanders have a win mentality and a confi-dence in their ability, a confidence to compete with anyone. They have a work hard ethic, and train as they play - 100 per cent.
When asked about his

toughest opponent, Dai chose New Zealander Ian MacDowell as the hardest prop he faced, while he greatly respect ed David Sole of Scotland who was a tenacious adversary

In rugby league, the late John Holmes (Leeds) took Dai under his wing while Rob Petruie was a fearful opponent. Staying on the subject of his league days, he said how much he admired those players who, apart from the superstars, were often playing for their bread and butter.

It is a game where you need to earn the respect of opponents and team mates alike, and he named Jonathan Davies as the best player ever to go north. He was a player who certainly earned

respect.
To tremendous applause, Dai Young eventually managed to sit down after an hour and 10 minutes, having once again accomplished something he has done in both rugby union and rugby league - earned

eat respect.
Even the hard-nosed Scarlets' fan present could not help but want success for a dedicated, determined coach who showed great physical fitness and toughness in the hurly-burly of the scrum as a player and now shows mental toughness and a great understanding of the

game as a coach.
David East presented
Dai Young with a commemorative Supper Club
Dragon which was followed by another stand-ing ovation.

Normally, this is the

end of proceedings but on this occasion, Dewi Evans took the mike to thank David East on behalf of all those who have attended supper



ABOVE: David East presented Dai Young with a commemorative Supper Club Dragon which was followed by another standing ovation.



ABOVE: Blues' and Wales' legend Dai Young answered questions for more than an hour.

club for his immense contribution in helping make it become the fantastic success it has

David's connections have ensured a guest list of the highest quality and he has chaired the evenings with both humour and respect. Dewi Evans called

upon Welsh Rugby Union group chief executive Roger Lewis to present David East with a cheque made out to David's selected charity. the Welsh Rugby Union Charitable Trust.

David then passed the cheque on to Dennis Gethin, who highlighted the tremendous work the Charitable Trust does for injured and, in particular,

paralysed players.

It was fitting that David East had the last word and he spoke of how, with the help of

Dewi, Mal Thomas Keith Payne, Graham Lane and Graham Morgan, an idea had become a fantastic occasion, enjoying superb support from sponsors, guests and attendees, and David called on everyone present to ensure that the dream is kept alive. The supper club must not fail.

As someone said. David is moving to England to support his family, and there will undoubtedly be a temporary loss to Wales but hopefully, David will return as a guest whenever possible.

For only the second time since its inception, the club burst into song as Graham Morgan led a few verses of bygones supported by the unoffi-cial supper club choir.

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Squad: 1. half-time, the home side got the breakthrough, Adam Raymond and Anthony Owens put pressure on the visitors'

Jones shooting too high.

rearguard and it was Owens who finished with a low shot from eight

yards. Within a Within a minute, Danny Brown and James
Dinas were almost level Price. MW

WITH the start of when a Kane Wilkes the league season header from close range was pushed away by the

keeper.
Dinas's hopes of get-Dinas's first game in anger after a ting back into the game number of friendlies, and their cause eight minute of the second baff or Emplay broke. ond-half, as Emlyn broke wasn't helped as from deep in their own seven first team half and Alex Squires finished with a low shot

from eight yards. After an even start, it To their credit, Dinas came back well and when James Price was was Dinas who had the first opening when a good Michael Haywood fouled on the penalty spot, Mark Dunford concross was directed towards Mark Dunford, verted to give the visitors but keeper Spencer Cutlan managed to get a hope. Dinas continued to press for the equaliser fist to the ball to clear the danger. The home side's with Dunford's overhead effort, and James Price reply came following a firing over before the refneat one-two on the edge eree's final whistle saw of the area, with Sean Emlyn through to the next round of the compe-

In the 20th minute, a tition. In the 20th minute, a titon.

Dinas free-kick caused

panic in the Emlyn missing, this was a good defence, with the ball effort with plenty of bouncing around in the endeavour, but lacking six-yard box, but no the passing that has Dinas player could get marked the play in the the finishing touch. A friendlies. Emlyn were a couple of minutes later, strong physical side and Dinas can expect to meet a number of similar sides in the second division

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After a picnic lunch. the children visited the sea shore, exploring rock pools and the creatures that live there. The star fish were firm favourites. Some pupils carved a giant school logo in the wet sand.

Teachers Mrs Evans and Mrs Martin thanked the team for providing a brilliant day out and for raising the children's awareness in caring for the natural world.







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## Walking and enjoying the best of the Vale's golf course views E rather dull start to the during medieval times was record- friends at a social gathering to pro-

THE rather dull start to the day soon changed and with the coming of clear blue skies and warm sunshine, the August Bank Holiday turned triumphantly into a perfect day for walking.

Eight walkers met Joy and Bracken at Lidl and set off beside what is left of the ancient woodland at Pencoedtre, then through meadows containing the pretty blue-flowered common chicory, to emerge onto Port Road.

A short stretch of pavement

pounding led them into deep-grassed fields and descending into the Brynhill valley, they followed the track that led through Wenvoe Golf Club, founded in 1936 around the stately Wenvoe Castle, which was the mansion of the

which was the indistoil of the club's first president, Hugh Jenner. Walking the rough lane towards Burdonshill the group deviated down a lane before entering the huge field behind the Garden Centre where they stopped for morning coffee with lovely views across to Wrinstone.

Refreshed, they continued downhill being overtaken by several young boys and a retriever, all of whom were covered in mud and the tale that when an old broken evidently having a brilliant time!

ed as being owned by the de Sully, vide a new one. As the deal was le Fleming and Malefaunt famisealed with a drink, the clock lies, they passed the well mani-cured graveyard of the 12th centu-ry parish church dedicated to St

Crossing beneath the A4050 and taking a track where there were some delicious blackberries. they crossed the playing fields to join Station Road and made their

way up the Wrinstone lane. Carrying on down the lane they made a slight detour and lunch was enjoyed in very warm sunshine beside the top lake at the Salmon Leaps below Cwrt-yr-Ala House, once owned by the de Reigney family, but passed through marriage to the Raleigh's, from whence came in later years, the famous - Sir Walter. Refreshed, the group crossed

the Cadoxton River and took farm tracks that led them uphill into the beautiful Park Wood and, circumnavigating the woodland paths, they emerged onto the Beauville lane that slices the Dinas Powys

idently having a brilliant time! gate needed replacing, the then Entering Wenvoe village, which club captain persuaded a group of

struck one, and the rest they say, is history!

Crossing the Dinas Powys ridgeway there were clear views south across the Bristol Channel to Somerset. Following the quiet lane downhill from St Andrews House, past South Lodge and Keeper's Cottage they reached the 12th century St Andrews Church, and once more entered fields, crossing a wooden footbridge and making their way to Westra lane.

A stile led them into the St Andrews Major Golf Course, established in 1993 on pastureland and making their way around the course with care they passed the driving range and tramped past St Richard Gwvn school, under the Barry Link Road and made their way back uphill to their start point through Pencoedtre Park estate.

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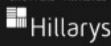
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- are committed to regular attendance at meetings (usually at least six per academic year);
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# A splash of colour thanks to Cowbridge in Bloom

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Spokesman Colwyn Jones said: "It has been another successful summer for Cowbridge in Bloom, despite very mixed weather. We owe our thanks to residents and owners of commercial premises who worked hard with maintaining displays, or made financial contributions.

"Thanks also go to our diligent teams of waterers who took care of the lamp post flowers and riverbank boxes. It all

year's Cowbridge in town and is much appre-

This year's winners and runners-up judged at the end of July, and are listed below:

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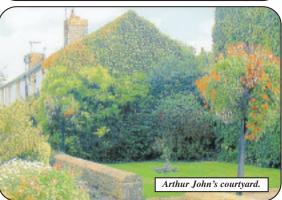
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ABOVE: A floral display near Penny Lane..







## Llantwit's reserves cruise to victory

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L L A N T W I T Llantwit Major Reserves MAJOR AFC Reserves enter-

tained Sully at keeper spilling the ball to Windmill Lane on the feet of Luke Saturday.

Following a comfortable midweek 3-0 victory over neighbours St Athan, confidence was high going into the game against a young Sully side. Llantwit were hop-ing to take the momentum from their midweek win into the game but this was not the case, as an air of complacency seemed to descend on the players.

The young, pacey Sully outfit seized upon the home team's lethargy and caused problems for the Llantwit rearguard. Keeper Luke Vincent called upon on several occasions to keep the visitors at bay with some fine saves.

On the rare instances when Llantwit did wake after, as a speculative from their slumber and effort from 40 yards by played the ball about, Dan Lansdown sailed they cut through the gracefully into the back they cut through the Sully defence with ease.

Allbrighton, who made no mistake to put the home team ahead for an undeserved half-time

lead. Into the second half. the home team raised their game slightly, but

were still way below their capabilities.

The pace of the diminutive Dom White was proving difficult for Allbrighton and Gareth Watts

themselves two goals to the good after Dom display. Man White rounded the away keeper to blast home from a yard out. The third followed shortly of the net.

Following another White added the Grapes, Vincent save, a fine fourth, with a cute finish Howles. counter-attacking move after a flowing team

resulted in the Sully move with 15 minutes remaining, making it brace in each of his last two games and thus putting the game beyond the

> With the game now over as a contest, both teams lost shape and the game became an open affair with chances at both ends.

Credit must go to a young Sully side who, through their determinathe visitors' sluggish tion, added two consola-defence to cope with, as tion goals late on through was the superb link up a dubiously awarded play of the impressive penalty, and what can penalty, and what can only be described as a defensive mix-up in the Llantwit soon found otherwise solid Llantwit

Man of the match went to Luke Allbrighton.

Llantwit: L Vincent, P Grafton, L Tracey, J Grahame, J Hartley, D Major, D Lansdown, Allbrighton, C Bright, G Watts, D White. Subs:R Grapes, J Osbourne, T



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## NEWS FROM CADOXTON BOWLING CLUB

# The club's finals weekend produces keen competition

ter took an early lead of 11–4, before two fours

were conceded. Although they regained the lead, the final two

Cadoxton Kuhnell. club finals were played over two days, due to some players in multiple finals.

Ashley Brown was the most successful. with four final appearances. Three of these ances. against Don

Chedgzoy took part in two, one of which was against Gary Jones, who also played in two.

On the morning of the first day, the triples took the stage which boiled down to the eventual winners, skipped by Graham Brown and assisted by Sid Pycroft

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fives against, which made the difference. The new novices tro-phy produced a close game with Gordon Davies competing Davies competing against Ron Doble.
There was not much difference in the scores for most of the game but with the score at 15-14, Gordon scored six over the next three ends for his success.

Gary Jones came up against Kelvin Kelvin Chedgzoy in the cham-pionship and stormed

and Tony Bishop and their opponents, skipped by Kelvin Chedgzoy with Len Davies and Ashley Brown. The latter took an early leaf of the scored a Kelvin won the four of the next five ends to

three which put him on 13 shots. He stayed there until the end with Kelvin winning the final six

#### **SUNDAY**

The finals continued, fortunately in dry weath-er, as it had rained heavily all morning. The first match was the two bowl with Don and Ashley meeting for the second

Ashley made the early running with a 4-1 lead after five ends, with exceptional bowls played by both. Don improved by getting success in five of the next six ends, again with tremendous bowls from both.

Ashley then stepped up the pace once more and scored three successive two's to open a four-shot advantage. four-shot advantage.

Don kept his hopes alive
with a two in reply, with
two ends left and two
shots down. Ashley won
the match by stopping
on Don's close bowl.

It didn't end there as

It didn't end there as Don and Ashley continued with their battle for supremacy in the handi-cap with both players off

Don started well, winning the first five ends for a six-shot advantage. Ashley then stormed back with a four, three and two to take the lead.

Don regained the lead only to concede another four, but quickly recovered to take a one-shot lead. Two ends later the scores were tied at 18 each. Ashley's next score was a two and he followed this with a superb first bowl right on top of the jack, which Don was unable to move.

It was three wins for youth against experience.

The Jack Hartman trophy for over 60s had Gary Jones playing his second final of the weekend, with John Stewart as his opponent. John took the first initiative with a 5-1 lead, before a recovery from Gary took him in front 11-10.

John then hit a good patch and built a lead of 19-11, before a two stopped the run. After scoring a single, John had a brief scare with a four making the score 20-17, but a single on the next won the game.

# Athletic's finals day was a great success

BARRY Athletic Bowls Club organised by Kris Harris, the club's celebrate their centenary next year and judging by the quality performances of the young bowlers on finals day, the future is very bright.

For many years, the club's domestic competitions have been dominated by senior bowlers who have gained hon-ours at county or national level, but the annual finals, held at Barry Island last Saturday, produced a first, with the prestigious club singles championship being contested by two of the youngest bowlers in the club's history. Luke Stanley, aged 20, added his name to the illustrious list of champi-

ons with a 21-13 victory over young newcomer Dan Jones.

Steve McKernan, another 20-yearold, became one of the youngest members to lift the magnificent novices bowl, after just three years with the club, defeating Dan Jones 21-15 in a keenly fought final.

Athletic chairman, Alf Pidduck, was full of praise for the new generation of bowlers and predicted a successful centenary year - on both the home front and in private greens competitions.

"These youngsters have given the club a tremendous boost, and I am confident they will earn many major honours in the years to come," he said.

Ben Parrish, a most consistent player in his first season at Barry Island, won the handicap trophy with a run-away success and partnered John Donovan in winning the Selwyn Evans Pairs.

John Donovan recorded a double, taking the Pidduck Pairs with Clive Phillips, while club captain Geoff Whittaker was involved in the closest final of the day, beating Paul Clarke by one shot in an exciting over-60s final.

The finals day programme was well

youngest competitions secretary.

Barry Athletic have enjoyed a good season with both their PG1 and PG2 squads still in the race for promotion, to be decided this weekend.

On the honours front, Chris Blake will represent Wales at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi next month, and he also skipped the Athletic to a fours county title.

Glyn Thomas won the county singles and a popular first team player, Kristian Harris, took the under-25 crown, while the Athletic had a good representation at the WBA National Finals at Llandrindod Wells last

Overall, a most satisfactory summer for the Island club as they prepare for their 100th season.

#### FINALS DAY RESULTS

Novices winner Steve McKernan, finalist Dan Jones;

Pidduck Pairs - winners John Donovan and Clive Phillips, finalists Kris Harris and Paul Clarke:

Handicap - winner Ben Parrish, finalist Dave Newman;

Over-60s singles - winner Geoff Whittaker, finalist Paul Clarke;

Championship - winner Luke Stanley, finalist Dan Jones;

Selwyn Evans pairs - winners Ben Parrish and John Donovan, finalists Kristian Harris and Geoff Whittaker;

Ladies championship Bethan Horgan, finalist Ann Hopkins:

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# Keen championship racing as the August rain steers clear of track

LLANDOW Kart ners present, but the class by winning the lap, came home just three tion of Gareth Lewis, results mirrored those in remaining heats. The tenths shy of second spot, who came through from the Honda group, with final also appeared to be with Clayton a similar was the Honda group, with final also appeared to be with Clayton a similar was margin adrift in fourth. Welsh champion Harry williams taking the only for 4-Stroke runner With Austin stepping spoils but Ari Ryan Jones to claim top up to Junior Rotax full-claimed the position by a competitors present responded

boasted its biggest turn- end of lap one, and out for several months, remained there to the but there was no stopping chequered flag as the top Morgan Chell, who duly three crossed the line topped every session, split by just 0.56secs. Jake Bagley and Shane Deakin provided the opposition, but spent the day alternating in second

Thomas opened proceedings by claiming heat time. Ari wine, remaining two fore fending Thomas by nearly two seconds in the final.

unchanged throughout, Edwards finished fourth.

wet August weather Welsh champion Harry going Forward's way, Williams taking the opening spoils but Ari Ryan Jones to claim top round of its summer championship, and dominate the rest of the combined race.

Welsh champion Harry going Forward's way, wolly for 4-Stroke runner only for 4-Stroke runner only for the combined race. meeting with three wins thereafter.

present responded with some typically close racing.
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The Bambino category

and third places.

Eleven Cadet Honda Welsh champion Lloyd the 2-Stroke class after in fifth overall. runners ensured that the Sealy, Jamie Warren and the visiting Jack Having broken class would have its own Alex Thomas saw all Edinborough suffered the through with his first track time, and Ross three claim a heat victo- same fate. ry, Thomas for the first

one. However, after that, Sealy started the final with 13 runners signing this the weekend belonged to from pole, and remained on, and the competition Conf Ari White, who swept the out front while his rivals proved as close as any, remaining two heats battled over second spot. with Oliver Pidgley battled over second spot. off Thomas initially lost the denying Joshua Collings position on lap one, but

ran for her best final result.
nout, Junior TKM 2-Stroke hile novice Ryan opened with a win for dwards finished fourth. Sebastian Hutchinson, The Comer Cadet also but Alex Forward then

spot on the last lap of the time, MiniMax honours

after dropping to eighth end.

Stroke winner Jones was later disqualified, hand-There may only have ing victory to his only been three runners in the rival, Alex Thomas on

Oliver an easy run. Collings was Yousuf Ashraf took reclaimed it three laps er, and after claiming The pair then prothe final podium place as later, before holding on heats one and three, he duced one of the most home fifth and eighth
for her best final result. the final.

Behind him, Pidgley had his hands full with Macaulay Austin who, enjoyed an upturn in stepped... well, forward after accounting for Dean home. Evans' challenge numbers, with eight runto stake a claim on the Clayton on the opening was blunted by the atten-

were there for the taking. Zach Jones finished Ben Davies was the driv-nearly four seconds adrift er to step up, claiming a of Forward, with clean sweep of victories Hutchinson having to as the class merged with settle for fifth on the road Junior Blue for the week-

at the start. Having dominated the
There was a twist in heats, Davies led
the tale, however, for 4- throughout the final, while Morgan Rose over-came James Williams on the opening lap to secure Junior Honda class, but only her second TKM Edgecumbe was the only the increased level of outing, while Hutchinson Junior Blue runner and competition between was promoted. Junior Blue runner and clear of second place.

> The Junior Rotax July meeting, Ferdinand entry returned to health Ball was the man to beat this time around. Confidence boosted, he claimed the first two heats, before having to settle for fourth behind Welsh champion Simon

exchanging the lead on almost every lap before Ball seized top spot for good three laps home. Evans' cha from

matter of tenths. The headline Senior Rotax class enjoyed the biggest field of the day, with 16 runners vying for honours, and the three heats heats were equally shared between Welsh champion Dan Jones, Liam Revell and Dan Rodde. The final, howev-

er, again belonged to Jones, who led from start to finish and eventually took the chequered flag three-and-a-half seconds Revell and Rodde, who

Having broken started immediately through with his first behind the winner, that Senior Honda win in the spot went to Daryl July meeting, Ferdinand Henderson, who used a Ball was the man to beat stellar first two laps to move from eighth on the grid to third, and then around. took second from Chris Davis at half-distance Davis completed the podium a further couple

> Stone claimed an unchallenged victory in the Max 177 category. ROTAX 177 – 1 Wayne RESULTS: BAMBI- Stone (Tonykart).

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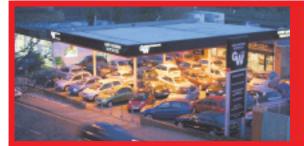
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# Two sent off and three injured - but Dinas fight back!

finished with just nine players but somehow got the they deserved, if only for the team spirit and determination shown in the last quarter of the game.

Dinas failed to get the same sort of start they had in their previous game with Ely Rangers, side were allowed to get a foothold in the game, with Zac Osbourne in particular giving the defence problems.

As early as the fourth minute, Danny Street was forced to clear a goal-bound header off the line. Dinas' reply came from an Ollie Dalton cross just too far in front of Ricki Morgan, and a Mike Hayward through a crowd of playshot that was way too ers before ending in the

and when Ryan Fahey's 30-yard free kick took a slight deflection, Dave Burnett in the Dinas goal was able to get fingertips Ollie Dalton, and Mark the final whistle. to the ball and push it over the bar.

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of the season takes place at

the first round of the Welsh

**Cup against STM Sports,** 

kick-off 2.30pm.

Jenner Park this Saturday in

The Town opened the league sea-son with a 1-1 draw at Aberaman last

Wednesday and a 2-0 victory at Garden Village on Saturday. Of the

Dragons' seven pre-season friendlies all away – they won four and drew three, scoring 19 goals. STM Sports are a team from the

Cardiff league and will be looking forward to coming to the impressive

Jenner Park for what will be a Cup

final for them.

However, Town striker Ian Jones is

out for at least two weeks and Jaymes Dixon - who scored both goals against

Garden Village - is a major doubt, so there can be no complacency if the

that Barry Town have won six times the last in 2003.

Barry Town have now signed mid-fielder Layton Maxwell (30), the for-

mer Liverpool and Cardiff City first team player who played in the same

Michael Hartley, who played in the

Liverpool team as Steven Gerrard and

The Town have also signed striker

Welsh League Division CROESYCEILIOG DINAS POWYS

the half saw Dinas gaining a little more control without really testing Jon Chorley in the home goal, but they received a major setback on 45 min-utes when Mike Hayward was deceived by a change of direction by a Croes player to bring him down. The refwith too many passes bring him down. The ref-switch off. With going astray. The home eree gave him a straight encouragement red card for something advice from the manage-that warranted a yellow, ment team on the sidebut no more.

The home side pressed home their one-man around and looked the advantage and 12 minutes into the half they

Ten minutes from utes into the half they
took the lead. Dave time, Dinas attacked
Burnett got a fist to a
down the right side with
Ryan Fahey free kick but
the ball fell for Richard
Perry, and his shot from
Mail Ryan Fahey free kick but good passing between the ball fell for Richard Geza Hajgato and Ricki Perry, and his shot from Morgan. Morgan's per-the edge of the area went sistence on the edge of through a crowd of playcorner of the net.

Croesyceiliog contin-ued to have the better of things got even worse for the game, with Sam the visitors when full-Graves heading a free-back Ben Dimond was kick over the crossbar, dismissed for a second yellow card and there seemed no way back.

Further disruption fol-lowed with Danny Street,

Europa League is the

aim for Barry Town

BARRY TOWN'S first match of the season takes place at and Cameron Jerome, as well as cur-

The last 15 minutes of replaced by Steve Provis, Barry Pappin, and Liam and the fresh legs certainly fight-back.

> game. When faced with 10 men, or less in this case, sides seem to switch off. With much and lines Dinas started to retain the ball and pass it

a couple of defenders, and when his first shot rebounded back to him. he steered the ball wide of Chorley in the Croes goal to give Dinas a most

improbable equaliser.

Dinas were able to see out the remainder of the game quite comfortably before the referee blew

Marc Cahill and his assistants Phil Clay and Nathan Nurton must also take their share as their encouragement and prompting from the sidelines helped forge the team spirit that saw them

through this game. Dinas in the past, and it happened to Cross in this ame. When feed and it happened to Cross in this 3, Ben Dimond 4 3, Ben Dimond, 4, Michael Haywood, 5, Danny Street, 6, Michael Brooks, 7, Ricki Morgan, 8, Geza Hajgato, 9, Ollie Dalton, 10, Mark Dalton, Dunford, 11, Jason Davies. Subs:

12, Stephen Provis, 14, Liam Jones, 15, Kane Wilkes, 16, Joe Briscombe, 17, Barry

(SEE PAGE 32 FOR MATCH REPORT AGAINST ELY RANGERS)



Captain Martin Seaford (centre front) and the team before the Rhiwbina match.

## It's a double triumph for the Dinas Powys bowlers!

NOT to be outdone by their Jones 24-12, P Critcher 15-21, G secured the win they wanted, Welsh Club Championship first team Dinas Powys first team, Dinas Powys
Bowling Club's second team lifted the Private

In a relaxed atmosphere, their trip to Rhiwbina on Wednesday evening was academic.

Nevertheless, captain Martin Greens 2 First Division

A solid win over St Fagans in their penultimate game sealed the title with one game to go.

Skip scores v St Fagans: A

Seaford was keen for his team to secure a win, ensuring that the title was won with 13 wins out of 14 proud of. Both first and second for the season. Such was the consistency of the team throughout look forward to the summer 2011 the season.

On a tricky green, Dinas

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despite losing on three rinks.

Škip scores v Rhiwbina: R Osborne 28-12, P Critcher 14-16, G Carlisle 12-13, A Jones 15-16.

For Dinas Powys Bowling Club, 2010 will be a season to be teams will savour the moment and

## Barry RFC kick off the rugby season with a deserved victory

ON the first day of the new season, Barry travelled to Treherbert to play a side that was playing two divisions above them last season.

With this in mind, it was generally accepted that the visitors would do well to gain a share of the spoils.

The opening session of the game was characterised by some aggressive rucking from the Barry eight. Lee robbed his opposite number following a set scrum to establish a dangerous

field position.

The home side then conceded a further put-in, from which George forced himself over for the first try of the match. This in turn was convertby captain

Cummings.
Further pressure gave the same player an opportunity to extend Barry's lead, which was gratefully accepted.

George continued to make a major contribution to the cause of the visitors following a bla-

TREHERBERT **BARRY** tant late tackle by a

Treorchy centre.
The ensuing penalty was again successful, to extend the Barry lead to thirteen points after only a quarter of an hour.

There then followed a strange passage of play, during which Barry during which Barry showed both good and bad side – their close quarters passing was a delight but some of their tackling was abysmal!
The inevitable result

was that the advantage they got from the passing was negated by the ground Treorchy gained from the poor tackling.

However, normal service was resumed and the half concluded when Lee relieved the preswith a good line kick after a professional lineout steal. There were, however,

worrying signs that the home pack were increasingly able to create rolling mauls, which Barry struggling to control.

Light drizzle set in during the interval that

was to make handling more difficult, and the fielding of high kicks not a task for the fainthearted.

Barry's careless play and some poor decision making, gave confidence to the home side, and their confidence was well founded as they scored a deserved closerange try, which was unconverted.

This reversal had the required effect, as the restart drop-out was absolutely perfect: it was moved inside expertly by the forwards to enable the three-quarters to force an infringement from the Treorchy

The result was enalty which was safeslotted over to put Barry in the lead by 16 points to 5.

This was half way through the second period, but from this point to the end of the match the game was the proverbial 'curate's egg' – good in

parts.
There were high

play by full back Ryan, dealing with high kicks.

Also, there was a fine late penalty, which was converted by Cummings from out wide, but these positives framed the spurning of a four man overlap late in the day.

Given the early season rustiness, which also seemingly affected the referee, it is vitally important to recognise Barry eventually

fixture of the new sea-son, against a side which they may have reasonably expected to run them close.

Barry team: Ryan, Hadfield, Cummings, Evans, Butisil, Hardy, Lee, Hollister, Gee, Hunt, Gill, King, Gill, O'Sullivan, George, H.Jones.

Replacements (all Blumberg, O'Connell, G.Jones.

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### Lee Pratt, who used to be full time at Barry Town, and striker/midfielder Ryan Jenkins, rejoining the club he played for two years ago when the Dragons were promoted to the First Gavin has said he believes he now

rent Barry Town players Kirk Huggins and Michael Parkins.

Bashir – 10 caps – has expressed his desire to take Barry Town back to the Premier League by signing for the club, rejecting a full time contract

offer from English Conference side

Exciting young talent James Sadler (18), has also signed, playing both

Manager Gavin Chesterfield has

also signed left-sided Geraint Frowen

after chasing him for a couple of years! The final two new signings are

opening matches in the league

Pakistan full international Atif

Town are to progress in the lucrative has the strongest squad at the club since being appointed three years ago. Cardiff City legend Damon Searle's Welsh Cup.
A winner's prize of £30,000 and a place in the Europa League are at stake in this famous old competition

addition to the coaching staff has also boosted the club on and off the field. With a major new sponsor backing the team – Bute Property Services Ltd – expectations are high for the coming

Christmas dinner speaker on
December 4 is Jan Molby – the Ajax
and Liverpool legend who also managed Swansea City.



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